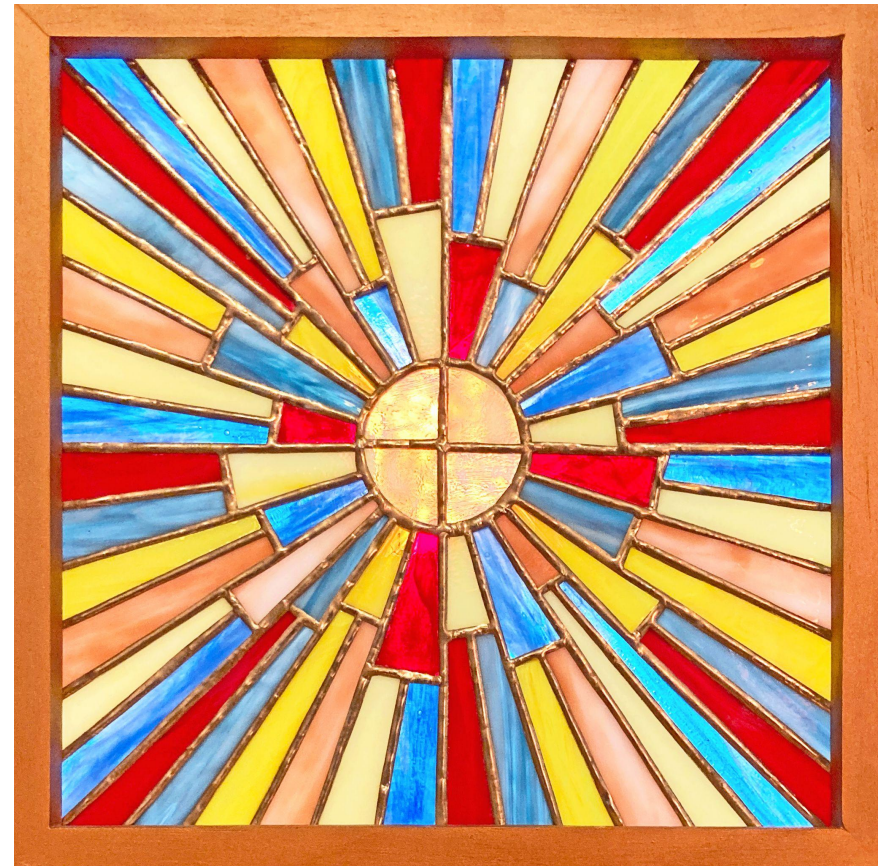
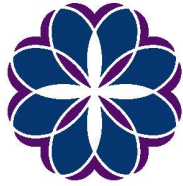


Mass of Perpetual Profession
Sister Whitney Anne Schieltz, SC



Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, November 4th, 2023



Sisters of Charity

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Mission Statement

Urged by the love of Christ and in the spirit of our founder, Elizabeth Ann Seton, we Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati strive to live Gospel values. We choose to act justly, to build loving relationships, to share our resources with those in need, and to care for all creation.

Charism Statement

True to the spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Margaret Cecilia George, and all who share our heritage, we Sisters of Charity are called to be faith-filled women of the Church. Like Elizabeth we are called to be vitalized by Scripture and Eucharist; with her we are called to fidelity to the Church, to reliance on the Spirit, and to life through love and friendship. We vow our lives to our God with whom we walk in humility, simplicity, and charity. As pilgrims we pray for the wisdom to know the needs of our sisters and brothers and we dare to risk a caring response.

Prelude Music: "Ubi Caritas"
"The Summons"

Call to Worship: *S. Annette Muckerheide, SC*

Celebrant: *Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ*

Opening Song: "Gather Us In"

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in – the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in – the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in – all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Glory to God: Mass of St. Ann

Refrain: Glory! Glory to God in the highest.
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, *S. Anne Flanagan, SNDdeN*

Responsorial: Psalm 40, *S. Tracy Kemme, SC, and
Affiliate Karina Montes Ayala*

Response: Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-12, 26-27, *Beverly Schieltz*

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of St. Ann

Gospel: John 15:9-14, 15b-17

Reflection: *S. Louise Lears, SC*

Invitation to Profess Vows: *S. Monica Gundler, SC, President*

Profession of Perpetual Vows: *S. Whitney Schieltz, SC*

In the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
amen.

I, Sister Whitney Anne Schieltz, freely and wholeheartedly
commit myself for life to the service of God, God's people, and
all of Creation as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters
of Charity of Cincinnati.

To witness to the Reign of God and to make God's love
incarnate in the world, I freely promise to live in community
and vow to God consecrated celibacy, poverty, and obedience
according to the Constitutions of the Sisters of Charity of
Cincinnati.

I make these evangelical vows into the hands of Sister Monica
Gundler. I ask for the continuing grace of God and support of
my Sisters, Associates, family, and friends so that I may keep
faith with the commitment I joyfully make today. Amen.

Community Response: *All say together*

Sister Whitney,

We, your Sisters, Associates, family, and friends, delight in
witnessing the life commitment you profess today.

We thank you for your faithfulness to God's call, for carrying forward Elizabeth Seton's mission of service to all people, and for living your vows as a Sister of Charity with joy and humility.

We pray that you will be a strong, courageous servant leader and a sign of hope and peace in our world.

Today and throughout your life, may the Spirit inspire you, may Christ's love impel you, and may God surround you with enduring care.

We rejoice with you, and we promise to love and support you always.

Amen.

Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions: S. Jean Miller, SC, and Associate Karen Martin

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Preparation of the Altar: *S. Andrea Koverman, SC, and S. Romina Sapinoso, SC*

Presentation of the Gifts: *S. Peggy Deneweth, SC, and S. Kathryn Ann Connelly, SC*

Presentation of the Gifts Song: "A Place at the Table"

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,
For ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For ev'ryone born, a star overhead.

Refrain: And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice, and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For just and unjust, a new way to live.

Refrain

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For ev'ryone born, the right to be free.

Refrain

Communion Song: "The Eyes and Hands of Christ"

Refrain:

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
love will be found, life will abound.
By name we are called, from water we are sent:
to become the eyes and hands of Christ.

One we become, no longer strangers.
No longer empty or frail.
Filled with the Spirit, ev'ry hunger satisfied.
Christ is the center of our lives.

Refrain

One in the Spirit, one in the Lord.
One in the breaking of the bread.
Life-giving witness of our dying and new life,
held by the promise in our hands.

Refrain

Not what we are, but what we become.
Not what we say, but what we do.
Living the challenge as the bearers of light.
We are the eyes and hands of Christ.

Refrain

Meditation: "These Alone Are Enough," *Andrew Noll (piano),
S. Tracy Kemme, SC (vocals), and S. Annie Klapheke, SC (movement)*

Closing Song: "Send Down the Fire"

Refrain:

Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.

Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Refrain

Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Refrain

Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn with the fire of your love.

Refrain

Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Refrain

**After Mass, everyone is invited to continue the celebration
over dinner in the Dining Room (just below the Chapel).**

Thank You!

My deepest gratitude to everyone who has helped make this celebration possible, including all those who contributed to the ceremony and reception and all who have been companions on the journey through my discernment and formation. Thank you to my family and friends who first nurtured my call, thank you to the Sisters and Associates who so warmly welcomed me into the Charity family, and thank you to each person who has inspired and encouraged me to grow into the person I am today.

*Love,
Whitney*

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A Love Song

See the stars above
They twinkle in the night
Each and every one
A symphony of light

The light they give is gift
A present just from me
To brighten up your life
My love for you to see

When I created you
O how My heart did leap
Just like the stars above
I made you all unique

Some of you are quiet
With thoughts so very deep
Others filled with laughter
As they dance upon their feet

I'll protect you with my wings
And sing you songs of love
For I'm the Holy Spirit
Bringing treasures from above

– *Rita Schieltz (1948-2023)*