

Sr. Kelly Williams Professes Perpetual Vows



(Sr. Kelly signs her vows as Sr. Bethy Dempsey and Institute President Sr. Sue Sanders look on)

Sister Kelly Williams professed perpetual vows in a ceremony full of symbols of her life and ministry. She chose the hymn *Here I Am, Lord* to be sung during the presentation of gifts at the ceremony that took place on Saturday, November 25 2023, in the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, Georgia. The Sprinkling Rite included water from multiple locations, including Baggot Street, places where Kelly ministered and Mercy locations across the globe. Institute Vice President Sister Pat Flynn served as the minister for the sprinkling.



(After professing her vows, Sr. Kelly receives a blessing from the assembled Sisters of Mercy.)

The first reading was read in Irish by Sister Máire Hearty, reflecting Kelly's Irish heritage and the Sisters of Mercy's deep roots in Ireland.

Director of New Membership Sister Eileen Campbell reflected on the vows, saying “We give thanks for how our God of Mercy has blessed Kelly as she has been living into these vows, and how she will more fully live into them as God continues to call her, and we continue to support her.”

Near the conclusion of the joyous ceremony, the Most Reverend J. got an apostolic blessing from Pope Francis.



(Flanked by her parents Lori and Mike Williams, Sr. Kelly holds the Apostolic Blessing presented to her by the Reverend J. Kevin Boland, Bishop Emeritus of Savannah)

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