

Sr. Anna Regina Gakuhi Professes Perpetual Vows



Institute President Sr. Susan Sanders (center) presents Sr. Anna Regina with her ring as Sr. Dina Altamiranda looks on.

Sr. Anna Regina Gakuhi chose Isaiah 43 for the first reading at her profession of perpetual vows, illustrating her enthusiastic response to God's call to religious life.

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

--Isaiah 43

The vow ceremony took place in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Georgetown, Guyana, on Saturday, September 16, in a celebration filled with resplendent singing and dancing. Institute Minister Sr. Julie Matthews reflected on the vows that Anna would make that day in her welcoming remarks: “These vows have called Anna to know God's encompassing love and to respond with that same love to her sisters and the wider community. Anna's ‘yes’ today witnesses to her total dependence on God and her desire to give herself generously, all the time trusting in God's providence.”

Also in attendance at the profession were Institute President Sr. Susan Sanders, Institute Leadership Team member Sister Terri Bednarz, New Membership Director Sr. Eileen Campbell and Institute Minister Sr. Dina Altamiranda, the director of formation for the Caribbean, Central America and South America. Sisters Denise Sausville and Fran Repka served as witnesses to Anna's vows.