



## **CELEBRATION OF PERPETUAL VOWS**

### **GINETTE PIERRE, CSC**



The celebration of the final vows is a moving experience not only for the professed sister but also for her family, her friends and the whole community.

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. the Sisters of Holy Cross in Haiti had the great joy of celebrating the final vows of Sister Ginette Pierre in the auditorium of Regina Assumpta College.



The theme of the ceremony was **"You Are the Source of My Joy. Throughout My Entire Life I Will Bless You, Father"**. During the Eucharistic celebration we sensed the accomplishment of a long journey filled with joy, love, and hope. The final profession of Ginette Pierre is a meaningful witnessing filled with trust in the joy of consecrated life. Her facial expressions communicated this truth throughout the homily.

Father Simon François, her spiritual father, traced the journey of her steps. When Ginette told him of her call, he immediately entrusted all to the Sisters of Holy Cross. At that time, the Sisters were situated in Lafond on the south side of Haiti approximately five kilometers from Jacmel, a chapel which is a short distance from the parish. It is true that Father Simon François knew little of the charism of Holy Cross, but he visited the sisters often. So it is that he was deeply touched by the witnessing of the lives of the sisters, especially their involvement and immersion in the community of

Lafond, its neighborhood, the immersion in the little communities, the mobile clinics organized by the sisters, and the simplicity of the sisters home. This was also a witness to the population. All this fascinated Father Simon and led him to direct Ginette toward Holy Cross.



Sister Ginette's perpetual profession gave us the opportunity to rediscover the joy and beauty of religious life. May continued blessings enrich her ministry toward the people of God and bring much joy to all who thirst for this tenderness and love. Sister Ginette, you can count on us! May your mission be blessed!

Dadeline Jean, CSC

*The rite of final commitment takes place  
within the context of a Eucharistic celebration.*

*During the liturgy,  
the new religious receives the ring which she will wear, henceforth,*

*as a sign of her covenant with God in the  
Congregation of the Sisters of Holy Cross.*

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