

Perpetual Profession



“A Few Turns Put Her on the Right Road.”

Such was the title of a Catholic newspaper article about Sr. Joseph Anne Ricciardi, the newest perpetually professed member of the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales in the United States. Sr. Joseph Anne has a remarkable story, a remarkable joy, and an inspiring love for God, and happily shared these gifts with the hundreds of family and friends who came to witness her Perpetual Profession on Saturday, May 21st, 2011. Her road to the Oblate Sisters’ doorstep wove through more than 30 years of work in Sears’ Automotive department, including both sales and management jobs. Today, she puts that experience to work within the gentle Salesian spirituality, as she brings to life our Oblate charism to ‘reprint the Gospel with our lives.’ Before Rev. Bishop Francis

Malooly and the entire assembly in Immaculate Conception Church, Sister promised to live within that spirituality, seeking to be an Oblate, a gift to God, for the rest of her life. Could this be considered a daunting commitment? Perhaps, but Sister’s smile was incomparable on that radiant, fresh spring day. She readily acknowledges that this is “the best thing that’s ever happened to me.”

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