

Final Profession

“Let it be to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38



This was our motto for final vows of Sister Christina Butrus and myself. How could it not be so, as we celebrate this occasion in the house of our Mother Mary, the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth? It was “here” that she said these words, and we also repeated with her: Yes, let it be for us as you will. We entrusted ourselves and everything to her son, Jesus Christ.

She said it while placing all her trust in God, and we too place our faith and trust in Divine Providence, for He is with us and will not forsake us, just as our Mother Emilie de Vialar said: "Divine Providence always watches over us and provides for our needs." And the Virgin Mary certainly watches over her daughters who have dedicated their lives to her Son.

The celebration was an unforgettable day, emotional, filled with an atmosphere of reverence and great love from the sisters and friends, united with the prayers of our families who could not attend.

The speech delivered by His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista was full of encouragement and guidance, inspiring us to live our lives with a spirit of mission, faith, and unity in our community with joy. He said: You must go into the world; part of the spiritual gift within you is to sanctify others, to go into the world and proclaim the salvation you have chosen with your life... And we carry out this mission through "that they may be one," to be one in our hearts, to be committed and united...

And he continued, we must be different because each of us has his grace and the gift that God has given him... And when people see you, they should wonder why you live in this completely different way and yet have this joy, because it is written in the Gospel "that their joy may be complete."

And he also said, when we see young women who have left everything except Jesus, this is an excellent provocation that puts us in the right direction, especially for today's youth who are distant from religious life.



And he concluded, my prayer for you especially is that your joy be contagious. Let this 'yes' and this joy be a reason for others to express their own 'yes' on a personal level, so they may carry joy, the joy of Jesus, to the whole world.

Moments of gratitude and thankfulness for God's constant presence and infinite love, for the strength He has given me to overcome challenges and difficulties, and for all the blessings, especially on that blessed day.

This celebration was marked by the beauty of giving and the value of gratitude—the giving of love and time by the sisters in the region and friends. A big thank you to all the sisters who worked hard for us. They contributed their efforts and time to make this celebration wonderful. Thank you for your dedication and love.

And my thanks to all the sisters around the world for their prayers for us.

I conclude with a word that Sister Mary George told me: "Always remember, Jesus will be waiting for you at every crossroads."

United in Prayer

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