



Last Saturday, myself, my wife, Marlinda and parishioner, Mike Campbell, traveled to Queens Village, NY to attend and witness our parish's very own Sister Amanda's (Krow) Mass of Religious Profession. It was a beautiful Mass. The Most Rev. Willaim E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, was the principal Celebrant with eight other priests concelebrating. Brothers, Deacons and about 40 Little Sisters of the Poor from as far away as Chicago and California were present. Sisters and Religious from the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal were also in attendance. Over twenty of Sr. Amanda's family members were there, including mom, Amy, stepdad, Bill, her sister, Emily, her father, grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins, along with many friends, including us. The Mass and a lovely reception were held at St. Ann's Novitiate in Queens Village, NY. This is where Sister Amanda has been studying and working for the past couple of years. She was a Novice there, in prayer and study to deepen her relationship with the Lord and her understanding of the consecrated life. During the Mass and after the Homily, Sister Amanda made

her vows of Chasity, Poverty, Obedience and Hospitality, thus consecrating herself to the service of Jesus Christ in the person of the elderly Poor, according to the task providentially confided by the Church to the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor. After this most beautiful Mass, all adjourned to a large meeting room to meet and greet Sister Amanda and to hear, as she did for the first time, her next assignment with the Little Sister of the Poor. It was announced that she will be heading to the Little Sisters of the Poor's St. Peter and Paul Home in Brighton Heights, Pittsburgh, PA. The Mother Superior from that home erupted with joy at the announcement! In talking with Sr. Amanda, she confirmed that she would be there for at least two years. From there, sometime in the future, she will travel to Brittany, France to the Mother House of the Little Sisters of the Poor to continue her studies while learning French. After her studies in France are completed, she will take her perpetual vows.

A wonderful reception and luncheon were served in the dining area of the home. This was a time that could be spent meeting with Sister Amanda and wishing her well and offering prayers. Sister Amanda looked absolutely beautiful and serene in her new habit and veil. She had such a glow of happiness and joy about her. She seemed so fulfilled and very much at peace. What a beautiful day!

The four- and half-hour drive home from the big city, not so beautiful. No accidents or bumps in the road, just a hectic drive for this old country boy!

God Bless Sister Amanda Marie de Je'sus! (** For more photos, visit www.beparish.com/photoalbums.)

Submitted by Dan Tuel

