

Cardinal Burke: This, as I explained in my homily, this is extraordinary in the sense that Our Lord calls a young woman to give herself totally to him for the rest of her life and that she receives the grace from him to respond, and if the whole Church could learn from what happened here today to take on Christ, to live more fully in Christ, according to each person's vocation and proper gifts, we wouldn't have the terrible crisis that we have right now. We would be living pure and chaste lives and be obedient to the commandments of Our Lord in all things. So this is a most beautiful moment we see here - the Church and in all of its splendor - and may it be for all of us who are privileged to be part of it the occasion to give ourselves more fully to Christ as Sister Jeanne-Marie of the Cross has done. This is of all the work of God's grace that makes no sense whatsoever to the world, and the world doesn't understand it at all. And generally speaking, the world stays away from such events. And in fact, it's an interesting thing that when persecution is coming in the Church, the first ones to be attacked are the contemplative communities, because they represent the fairest flower of Christ's life in the Church.

Bishop Waltersheid: They live religious life in an extraordinarily generous way. They're a great inspiration and an example, to priests, to religious, and to the laity. And so it is just a tremendous pleasure to see this happening, A great joy, because I firmly believe that it is the hand of God at work here in the diocese of Harrisburg, inspiring many other people to lead a life of prayer and penance as they give themselves for priests, they give themselves for the whole church. Because what they do behind the cloister walls has tremendous effects in ways that we can't see and may not see until we get to heaven in the entire church.

Jim Hale (videographer) to Cardinal Burke: Why should everyone be encouraged that was here today and take that joy out into the world with the...

Cardinal Burke: Well because they witnessed a powerful sign of Christ in our midst, Christ espousing this young woman and uh, and His grace given to her. And that is for us a sign that His grace is also present for each of us. If only we will respond and accept the gifts of his grace and cooperate with them.

Jim: Does this is kind of thing encourage you, and give you a lift right now?

Cardinal Burke: Oh! Absolutely. It's one of the most beautiful things that a bishop can possibly do. And now I will never forget this and it will continue to be a source of great encouragement for me.