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SISTER PROFESSES PERPETUAL VOWS WITH SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE NEUMANN COMMUNITIES AT EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.



Syracuse, N.Y., August 3, 2011 – Sister Caryn Crook will profess perpetual vows at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 13 at St. Anthony Convent chapel, 1024 Court Street in Syracuse, N.Y. Sister Caryn will commit herself more fully to God and the service of the church by professing the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities for life.

A native of Fulton, N.Y., Sister Caryn serves as Franciscan ecology coordinator at the Spirituality and Nature Center at Alverna Heights in Fayetteville, N.Y. She entered the congregation in 2005 from St. Mary's Parish in Cortland, N.Y. Sister Caryn earned a bachelor's degree in forestry biology from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse and served as wildlife biologist at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. She discovered the Sisters of St. Francis while working with the Renew Program at St. Mary's Parish in Cortland. Two years later, she entered the congregation. "It has been a wonderful journey and I look forward to living the rest of my life with this congregation serving God, people and all creation," she says.

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Editor's Note: *The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities is a congregation of more than 500 women religious whose Franciscan charism motivates them to continue God's work and respond to God's people wherever there is a need. Together, the sisters serve in 31 dioceses, including locations in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Peru and Kenya.*

For more than 150 years, the Sisters of St. Francis have served the people of God with vision, compassion, reverence and dignity. Through their ministries, they serve in the fields of education, healthcare, spirituality, social work, parish ministry, as well as child and adult day care.