

## Eleven profess perpetual vows as Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation

**NASHVILLE, TN**—Eleven young women made their perpetual profession of the simple vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience as Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia Congregation in Nashville, Tennessee on July 22, 2013. Among the 11 young women making final profes-



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sion was Sister Michaela Martinez, O.P. Sister Michaela is the daughter of Deacon Waldo and Victoria Martinez, Jr., parishioners at Saint Elizabeth University Parish in Lubbock. Sister Michaela is a graduate of Trinity Christian High School and the University of Notre Dame, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in English and Theology. She earned her teaching certificate in education from Aquinas College in Nashville, Tennessee and teaches at Saint Cecilia Academy in Nashville.

The Mass for the Rite of Perpetual Religious Profession was

celebrated at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville. The Most Reverend David R. Choby, Bishop of Nashville served as the principal celebrant. Dr. Waldo Martinez, Jr. assisted as deacon for the Mass.

In addition to the sisters making final profession of vows, twelve young women professed their first vows in the Congregation of St. Cecilia on July 25, 2013.

The Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia was established in Nashville in 1860. The sisters are dedicated to the apostolate of Catholic education. The community of 280 sisters serves in 33 schools throughout the United States, with mission houses also in Sydney, Australia; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Aberdeen, Scotland. The community has recently opened a house of studies in Washington, DC, for its members who serve or study in the capital city. St. Cecilia motherhouse is located in Nashville.

For more information on the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation, please visit their website at [www.nashvilledominican.org](http://www.nashvilledominican.org).



**VOWS**- Sister Michaela Martinez, O.P. daughter of Deacon Waldo and Victoria Martinez, Jr., parishioners at Saint Elizabeth University Parish in Lubbock made her perpetual profession of vows as a Dominican Sister of Saint Cecilia Congregation in Nashville, Tennessee. Pictured are the eleven Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation who made perpetual profession of vows on July 22, 2013.

*Front row, left to right, Sister Michaela Martinez, Sister Augusta Nickel, Sister Mara Grace Gore, Sister Janet Mary Yu, Sister John Peter Clarke*  
*Second row, left to right, Sister Margaret Mary Sallwasser, Sister Nicholas Marie Polkowska, Sister Mary Lawrence Wright, Sister Amata Christi Lippert, Sister Amelia Hueller. Third row, left to right, Sister Mary Gianna Klein, Most Reverend Bernard J. Harrington, Bishop Emeritus of Winona, Minnesota, Mother Ann Marie Karlovic, Prioress General, Most Reverend David R. Choby, Bishop of Nashville, Tennessee. (Contributed photo).*