

Daughters of Wisdom Welcome Sister Marie Joséé Seide

For Marie Joséé Seide, 53, the passage to become a Daughter of Wisdom seems to have taken root long ago. Educated as a child by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny, her first encounter with the Daughters of Wisdom came in Port-au-Prince where she attended High School at Sacre Coeur, a school with a rich tradition dating back to 1875. Decades later, after relocating to the United States, the paths of the Daughters of Wisdom and Marie Joséé Seide crossed again when as a member of Our Lady of Mercy, Brownsville, Brooklyn she met Sr. Bernadette Sassone, a Daughter of Wisdom serving as Pastoral Assistant in Marie Josee's home parish. Her years of association with the Daughters of Wisdom nurtured her vocation to religious life. In 2012, she joined the French Speaking International Novitiate in Paris, France. And, on August 9, 2014, Marie Joséé Seide's journey became one with the Daughters of Wisdom, for she made her first profession of religious vows with the Daughters of Wisdom in the Chapel of Incarnate Wisdom at The Montfort Spirituality Center, Bay Shore, New York.



Marie Joséé Seide has lived in the United States since 2004 and had been employed by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, NY since February 2006. While with the Diocese she served in many roles including Bilingual Senior Secretary to the New Evangelization Department, and as an Assistant to Coordinators of the Haitian-American Apostolate, and Campus Ministry.

In her native Haiti, she was employed by the National Olympic Committee of Haiti as an executive assistant to the president, and earlier in her career by Catholic Relief Services. She worked for the Board of Education of Haiti on a project funded by the International Development Bank; and also on an affordable housing project funded by the United States Agency for International Development in Haiti.

Her education includes an AAS degree in legal studies from New York City College of Technology, Brooklyn, New York. While in Haiti, she earned an AAS degree in Bilingual

Commercial Studies from Christ the King Secretarial School (Sisters of St. Anne of Lachine, Quebec, Haiti Branch); and completed a three year course of study in psychology and a four year course of study in law at the State University of Haiti. She studied Spanish at Institute Lope de Vega.

Though she is not the newest professed sister in the congregation, she is the most recent on Long Island to join the USA Province, headquartered in Islip, New York. Daughters of Wisdom number more than 1,400 Sisters in 22 countries, with the latest contingent, this past August, of five newly professed sisters coming from the Province of Madagascar. Not far behind are another two novices from the Democratic Republic of Congo who are preparing for their first religious profession this September.

When asked about her call to become a Daughter of Wisdom, Marie Josée Seide said that she had always had a very strong faith, which her family passed on to her, and felt



an attachment to religious life. As a young adult, she fell in love with the prayer of Solomon to acquire Wisdom; and she prayed the same. A few years ago when she began to think seriously of following her heart, she attended a vocation meeting where many congregations of sisters were represented; but to her, it was as if the Daughters of Wisdom were the only congregation in the room. It was that aha moment that led her to follow her heart and to live deliberately the mission of the Daughters of Wisdom.

As she awaits a ministry call, she now resides in community with the Daughters of Wisdom in Port Jefferson, New York.

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