

Zambian native takes first vows

Sister Mary Brigid Tembo took her first formation vows Jan. 6 in her journey to become a Sister of Bon Secours. More than 125 people attended the mass of first profession held at the Sisters of Bon Secours Provincial Chapel in Marriottsville.

Of Zambian decent, Sister Brigid incorporated several African cultural elements into the Mass, including a symbolic dance she performed herself, a reading in Zambian, black and white floral decorations representing the Tembo heritage—Tembo means zebra in Zambian, and other elements symbolizing Sister Brigid's heritage.

"When I looked closely at the Sisters of Bon Secours, I found their mission and history matched what I had been searching for," said Sister Brigid, whose journey led her to the U.S. in 1999. "And their values reflect what I have been striving for all my life."

As she continues to adjust to American life, Sister Brigid says she is excited about being a part of the Sisters of Bon Secours community and its healing ministry. "I want to make a special contribution to God in this community," she said. "I want to help those who need help, wherever my talents will enable me to help heal those in need."