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## **Belmont Abbey College Alumnus Celebrates Solemn Profession of Monastic Vows**

**Belmont, N.C. (January 17th, 2024)** – On the Memorial of Sts. Maur and Placid, Belmont Abbey celebrates the Solemn Profession of Vows of Brother Chrysostom Sica, formerly known as Joshua Sica, an alumnus of Belmont Abbey College's class of '24. The ceremony took place at the Mary Help of Christians Basilica, where Brother Chrysostom was joined by his family, friends, students, and members of the college community.

In his homily, Abbot Placid emphasized that the monastic profession is a special calling that involves embracing the cross of Christ. Drawing from the Gospel of John, he reassured Brother Chrysostom with the words of Jesus, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be" (John 12:26). Abbot Placid congratulated Brother Chrysostom for responding faithfully to God's call after four years of discernment with the monks.

Following the homily, Brother Chrysostom made his profession of the vows of stability, fidelity to the monastic life, and obedience according to the Rule of St. Benedict. Afterward, the monastic community exchanged the sign of peace with the newly professed monk, officially welcoming him as a vowed member of the community.

Brother Chrysostom, who graduated from Belmont Abbey College in 2024 with a degree in Philosophy, greatly benefited from the mentorship and guidance of the dedicated faculty during his studies. He is currently studying Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Meinrad, Indiana, and is in formation to become a priest.

The Solemn Profession of Vows is a profound moment for Brother Chrysostom personally, and it also represents a significant milestone for the entire Belmont Abbey community. Belmont Abbey College offers its continued prayers and support as Brother Chrysostom begins this new chapter as a fully professed monk.

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