



Pope Francis baptizes one of 13 babies during a Mass celebrating the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Jan. 8, 2023. (CNS/Vatican Media)



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Sr. Maxine Kollasch and Sr. Julie Vieira, both Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, discuss the meaning of "vows" and "consecration" and "authority."

"Consecration means 'to associate with the sacred.' It's a setting apart for the service of God," Sister Maxine said. "The first consecration we have is our baptism. We live that consecration out our entire life."

As for a public vow, Sister Julie described that as "a sign and a symbol of making that profession for the whole universal church."

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