

My name is Sr. Mary of the Beatitudes and I was raised as a parishioner at Ascension Parish. I am particularly grateful to Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Fr. Tom Tank for all of the opportunities I was given in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. I am also very grateful to my parents for the gift of my faith and for all of the effort they put in to my formation. I went to Ascension grade school and then to St. James Academy. I also was able to work at Camp Tekakwitha for two summers before entering the convent.



I can attribute the grace of my vocation entirely to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I do not remember when I started to have a devotion to Our Lady, I just know that I have always loved her. I saw in her everything that I ever wanted to be. My freshman year of high school I was able to make my first consecration to Mary according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort, and I began to appreciate very much the papal motto of St. John Paul II that is found in St. Louis's book, True Devotion to Mary. This prayer is "Totus Tuus Maria," which means, "I am all yours, Mary." The motive behind devotion to Mary is always to draw closer to her Son. She is the means through which He came into the world and continues to be the font through which all graces flow.

Therefore, during the same year, I also received the grace to begin attending daily Mass at St. James and the opportunity to make short visits to the chapel throughout the day. This is when I began to realize my vocation. I became more and more comfortable in front of the Tabernacle and slowly became used to the silence. I started to realize that there was no superficiality in Christianity because in every Catholic Church there is a crucifix and a Tabernacle. These things are constant reminders that authentic Christianity is born from the love Christ showed on the cross and that He is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I could not help but think about eternity and the fact that the love of Christ demanded from me a response.

Then, during my junior year, a friend of mine from St. James entered the Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgen of Matara and I was able to meet them. I learned that the Servants of the Lord are a part of the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word consisting of both Priests and Sisters who work in missions throughout the world to prolong the Incarnation. I also learned that in addition to the three religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they take a fourth vow of filial slavery of love to Mary according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. Most importantly, I learned that every Religious Sister is a Spouse of Christ. It became very clear that this was my vocation and I entered in the summer of 2016 after one year at Benedictine College.

Now I am in my third year of Religious Vows and this past February I moved to Tuscania Italy to enter into the contemplative branch of our Religious Family. The role of the contemplative is to be in the heart of the Church and to pray for all of her intentions, namely for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. My monastery has the particular intention of praying for families.



My vocation is a constant reminder to me of the mercy of God. I have not merited anything. He is Good and all that is Good necessarily comes from Him. Each vocation is a gift and a means to holiness. Please know of my prayers for the families of Ascension. I also want to thank you for your prayers for me.

God Bless,
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