

# CAVocation Voices A

**Name:** Kathleen McClelland, RSM

**Congregation:** Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

**How long in Vocation Ministry:** 10 years

**Birthplace:** Chicago's west side

**Favorite Pastime / Hobby:** I enjoy genealogy and working on my family tree, although I can go for months without getting back to it. I enjoy the sisters I live with and strive to balance work with time for friends and family. I also love being invited to parties where I can dance!

**What book is currently on your bedside table?**

Romero and Grande: *Companions on the Journey* by Ana Maria Pineda, RSM and Jesus: *A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ. I also love Cozy mysteries and the Mitford series.

**Favorite flavor of ice cream:** Anything with caramel and chocolate

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Anywhere near water and/or a pool, green rolling hills, paved roadways - especially Wisconsin where my family had a summer house.

**I've always wanted to visit:** the places where Paul spread the gospel, the Southwest and Lake Louise in Canada

**My favorite thing about being a religious Sister:** The sisters in my community (usually!)

**I receive the most joy from:** Being engaged in a project with others

**Why be a religious today:** Be a religious today if that is what you feel God has given you the gifts to be. There is so much joy for someone who is in the right place with the right people.



**Previous ministries:** *teacher, librarian, assistant to the President of Saint Xavier College (now University), Learning Disability Coordinator for 12 public school districts, Community leadership team, food service manager at our retirement center, Chicago area coordinator for Mercy Volunteer Corps.*

**What are you passionate about?** *I am passionate about life - it's a great gift not to be squandered; I strive to keep the planet healthy for future generations and do whatever I can to help others live a non-violent life with adequate shelter, food and clothing.*

**How do you relax?** *Sleeping for nine hours; watching something from Channel 11 that I've taped.*