

CAVocation Voices A

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Congregation - Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods,

How long in Vocation Ministry - Since November of 2011

Birthplace: Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines

What book is currently on your bedside table?

Living Mission Interculturally

Favorite TV Show: Wheel of Fortune

Favorite Childhood Activity: playing in the rain

Favorite Song: You Are Mine

Favorite flavor of ice cream: avocado

Favorite Vacation Spot: where there's a body of water and trees around

I've always wanted to visit: the Holy Land

My favorite thing about being a religious Sister: meeting and walking with women who desire to give themselves in service of God's people.

I receive the most joy from: When friends share Filipino food with me

Why be a religious today: Our lifestyle- prayer, community and on-going formation - empowers religious women and men in our commitment to service especially to the needs



of our marginalized sisters and brothers. Many of us, somehow live a hidden life from the public, yet we are making a great impact in the lives of people we encounter.

Pope Francis affirms: What would the society be if there were no Catholic Sisters (and religious?)

Previous ministries: Director of Religious Education in three parishes; a staff at Providence University, Office of International Affairs in Taiwan; high school teacher in the Philippines

What are you passionate about? Creating a culture of vocation to religious life so we build strong support among us to take action on issues that are threatening to erode human dignity.

How do you relax? Completing jigsaw puzzles, walking, or just putzing around

List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues: involving our members in initial formation in the Come and See weekends and other vocation events.

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