## **CAVocation** A



Name - Kathy Brady-Murfin

Congregation - Representing Servants of the Holy Heart of

Mary

How long in Vocation Ministry - This is my first year

Birthplace: I'm a Chicago native

Favorite Pastime / Hobby: Genealogy. My father was adopted. Through Ancestry.com, and with the help of cousins, I have found photos of his birth parents and connected with extended family.

What are you reading? <u>Jesus: An Historical Approximation</u> by Jose Antonio Pagola

Favorite TV Show: "Andy of Mayberry"...Andy is a great Jesus figure. I'm also enjoying "God Friended Me"

Favorite Movie: "That Thing You Do" I grew up in the Beatles era. The movie reminds me of that time.

Favorite Song: "Moon River" It has such a dreamy quality to it.

Favorite flavor of ice cream: All!

Favorite Vacation Spot: Every place I've ever been. I love seeing new things and am always amazed that, just as with people, God created all places differently.

I've always wanted to visit: Ireland. And Colorado. And England. And...well, you get the picture.

I receive the most joy from: Talking about God. Probably sounds crazy, but it's true. In parish work as a DRE, I discovered that I cannot talk about God without smiling, and if I talk long enough, it actually makes my cheeks hurt.

Why be a religious today: Because it's such an exciting time! I feel like the Holy Spirit is at work creating something new and vibrant. Women who enter today have a chance to be a part of the movement. I've heard folks question why someone might want to enter a congregation whose numbers have dropped to just a few, and I wince. We need to remember that our congregations were founded by just one or two people who shared a dream.

Previous ministries: In parish life, I have been Director of Evangelization and Adult Formation, Director of Religious Education, and Pastoral Associate. I have also worked as the on-site caseworker for our county's homeless system.