

CAVocation Voices A



Name:

Sr. Mary Terese Giblin

Congregation:

School Sisters of St Francis of Christ the King (Lemont Franciscans)

How long in Vocation Ministry:

8 years

Birthplace: Oak Lawn, IL

This is a picture of me (on the right) with Sr. Anna and some high school youth in Zagreb, Croatia. Taken this summer while I was on my 25th Jubilee trip to meet our sisters in our other provinces.

Favorite Pastime / Hobby: I am a TV junkie. When I have time I like to watch tv, especially old tv sitcoms, crime procedurals and some Netflix Originals. Weather permitting, I like to ride my mountain bike on the trails paths in the Forest Preserves around Lemont.

What book is currently on your bedside table? David Baldacci's *The Fallen*

Favorite TV Show: Bing Bang Theory

Favorite Movie: The Quiet Man

Favorite Song: Roll with the Changes by REO Speedwagon

Favorite flavor of ice cream: Moose Tracks

Favorite Vacation Spot: Westport, Ireland

I've always wanted to visit: The East Coast, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts

My favorite thing about being a religious Sister: My favorite thing about being a religious Sister is being able to be part of people's lives in their joy and hope, pain and sorrows. Being part of a community that gives ourselves to God's service building up the Kingdom of God.

I receive the most joy from: Working with young people/young adults whether in a retreat setting, college setting or classroom setting. Being with these young people gives me great hope for the future of the Church and our world both now and in the future.

Why be a religious today: I truly believe God is still calling people to dedicate their lives to Him and to the People of God - - His People. Being a religious allows one to live out of our Baptismal Calling to love in a radical way. To be open to God's Love through a deep relationship with Him through prayer and our relationships with members of our community and the community of people we are called to serve and at times be served. The world today needs reminders that God Loves Them and that they are good and worthy of God's Love. I believe religious life today is called to witness to this Radical Love of God.

Previous ministries: Junior High teacher; High school religion teacher; High school Campus Minister; High school Dean of Students;

What are you passionate about? I am passionate about a lot of things; One thing that I am especially passionate about is the environment and the need to respect Our Mother Earth. As Pope Francis says, Mother Earth is the most abused and disrespected of all. This impacts our economy, politics, and people's ability to live life with dignity. I believe to be Pro-Life we must be pro-earth.

How do you relax? Watch tv / Spend time talking and laughing with the sisters I live with / Listen to music or to Podcasts; my favorites Mobituaries and The Francis Effect / Walking our beautiful grounds and observing nature / Spending time with my nieces and nephew (the keep me grounded)

List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues: Join young people/young adults in whatever way you can. Retreats, young adult gatherings, etc.



Sr Barbara, Director of Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Ministries, Young Adults from Taiwan, on their way to World Youth Day, LYAN (Latino Young Adult Network) of the Diocese of Joliet and Sr Mary Terese.