

# CAVocation Voices A



**Name:** Sister Desiré Anne-Marie Findlay

**Congregation:** Felician Sisters

**How long in Vocation Ministry:** 2.5 years

**Birthplace:** Biloxi, MS

**Favorite Pastime / Hobby:** Reading and going to the movies. I love stories.

**What book is currently on your bedside table?** “Full of Grace: Miraculous Stories of Healing Through Mary’s Intercession” (Reading it for the second time around!)

**Favorite TV Show:** I don’t watch much TV, but I do enjoy “This is Us”

**Favorite Movie:** The Greatest Showman

**Favorite Song:** “This is Me” from The Greatest Showman

**Favorite flavor of ice cream:** White Lightning – dark chocolate ice cream with swirls of mint

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Home – New Mexico!

**I’ve always wanted to visit:** Peru

**My favorite thing about being a religious Sister/Brother/Priest:** What I love about being a religious sister is the way in which it has helped me to see *family* in a much wider context. My heart is stretched to new limits each time I meet someone, or even learn something new about the stunning world God created.

**I receive the most joy from:** Joy comes from my connections with others – whether it’s my Polish sisters oversees, religious sisters from other congregations, or a child at the grocery store – I smile the most when I encounter God in another person. I also find the same amount of joy when I take time to encounter God in quiet and contemplative prayer.

**Why be a religious today:** I think being a religious today is not only important for the world around us, but for the world within us. So many people are searching for purpose and depth, but see only a limited number of options for getting there. Most of our media portrays success in work and family as the ultimate goal, but family life is not the only way in which we can love others and work is not the only way in which we can find meaning. An unpopular life of prayer and serving the vulnerable while seeking God is not only another option, it is a very viable one. I have become more fully myself than I ever imagined simply because I took the risk of listening to God and letting that lead me to religious life.

**Previous ministries:** Four years of teaching Spanish I, Theology, and Dance at an all-girls high school in Southern California

**What are you passionate about?** My greatest passion at the moment is helping others find where they too can encounter the beauty, peace and purpose that I have found in my own vocation.

**How do you relax?** I have two favorite options for relaxing: one is to sleep in and stay in my pajamas all day; the other is to go out with my sisters or friends for coffee, a meal, ice cream, a movie, or all of the above!

**List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues:** Personal invitations to events like retreats and come-and-see experiences.