



CAVocation A Voices

Sr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ

“Attending the LA Religious Ed Congress Feb 2020 as I’ve always wanted to; was seated at terrific presentation by Richard Gaillardetz (my fav of the week): Friendship and the Christian Vocation: Is Anyone Ever Really Single? Surprised to be seated beside a St. Joseph Worker from Orange/Los Angeles, Anna Maria.”

Name - Mary Jo Curtsinger

Congregation – Congregation of St. Joseph

How long in Vocation Ministry – 15 months, but who’s counting

Birthplace: Louisville, KY

What book is currently on your bedside table? Finishing *The Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny (fiction); about to start *Belonging* by Michelle Obama, and *Surrender to Christ for Mission: French Spiritual Traditions* (ed. Philip Sheldrake): Anybody else want to consider auditing Mary Frohlich’s course at CTU?

Favorite TV Show: Maybe .. *Call the Midwife*

Favorite Movie: Oh come on! One?????

Favorite Song: Ditto.

Favorite flavor of ice cream: Butter pecan, like my Dad (his last snack at age 96, 11/10/17)

Favorite Vacation Spot: Beaches!

I’ve always wanted to visit: Take the train across U.S. Canadian Border, including a stop at Lake Louise

My favorite thing about being a religious Sister: La comunidad!

I receive the most joy from: Playing with children, solitude in nature’s beauty, great artistic performances, especially those featuring conversions to new life!

Why be a religious today: “That all may be one” (John 17:21)

Previous ministries: I was a school psychologist in public schools in SC for 14 years, while ministering in the parish and diocese “after hours; Study at CTU for M.Div 1996-1999; “My favorite year” working at Mepkin Abbey (Trappist) ’99-00; Program Director of Biblical/Travel Study at CTU (2000-2003); Theology Teacher at Nazareth Academy (2005-2015); DMin studies at CTU , Catholic-Muslim dialogue thesis-project (2015-18).

What are you passionate about? “...walking humbly with God” (Micah 6)

How do you relax? Movies!

List one BEST PRACTICE you’d like to share with your colleagues. Fifteen months ago, our leadership team asked me and the Director of Associates to be Co-ministers of Vocations together, and to gather people around us to help draw folks to the charism, whether in vowed or associate life.