

# CAVocation A Voices

Name - **Kathleen Branham, OSF**

Congregation - **Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg**

How long in Vocation Ministry - **One Year**

Birthplace: **Beech Grove, IN**

Favorite Pastime / Hobby: **I love making cards, I love to cook and usually don't use any recipes unless I am baking (which all the ingredients have to pretty much be exact).**

What book is currently on your bedside table? **The Book of Joy**

Favorite TV Show: **HGTV**

Favorite Movie: **The Thornbirds mini-series**

Favorite Song: **Climb Every Mountain**

Favorite flavor of ice cream: **Amaretto Cherry**

Favorite Vacation Spot: **Europe and the mountains**

I've always wanted to visit: **Alaska**

My favorite thing about being a religious Sister/Brother/Priest: **How unpredictable it can be and spending time with my Community**

I receive the most joy from: **My dog, Willow. My religious sisters, family, friends, my ministry. Several things actually and too many to mention.**

Why be a religious today: **I say, "why not." So many people throughout the world today need the love, care, and support that people in religious life provides to others, just so others can simply live. Jesus extended the invitation to me to go sell all that I had to give to the poor and follow him, and I have. Serving God is not an easy decision, but it has been a joy-filled one.**

Previous ministries: **Social Worker and working with children in the foster care system for the State of Indiana. I also worked for the Indiana Dept. of Child Services where I was a CPS. BC (Before Convent) I was in management in the Transportation Industry for 22 years working with owner/operators in an all-male dominated industry. I can sure tell you some stories.**

What are you passionate about? **Being the voice for the voiceless children who are abused and neglected. I'm just as passionate about doing vocation work.**

List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues. **Being open and honest with others**

How do you relax? **Through creating something wonderful and beautiful.**

