



# CAVocation A Voices

**Name** - Sharon Elizabeth Marie Dillon SSJ-TOSF

**Congregation** - Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis

**Birthplace:** Pittsburgh, PA

**How long in Vocation Ministry** - I had been vocation minister for 10 years back in the early 2000's. Currently my congregation has put a "PAUSE" on vocation ministry but I am on the paused vocation council.

**Favorite Pastime / Hobby:** Golfing, Now weaving, water colors, and writing

**What book is currently on your bedside table?** "Trace: Memory, History, Race, and the American Landscape"

**Favorite TV Show:** When the Heart Calls

**Favorite Movie:** Mama Mia

**Favorite Song:** "Anything" by Lauren Daigle

**Favorite flavor of ice cream:** I don't eat ice cream but frozen yogurt: vanilla

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Myrtle Beach-Lots of ocean and golf there

**I've always wanted to visit:** The Holy Lands

**My favorite thing about being a religious Sister:** Being connected with others who have a commitment to something greater than oneself, and listening to the Holy Spirit with the time and focus to do so. I am privileged to have traveled and I am grateful for annual retreats.

**I receive the most joy from:** Golfing with others

**Why be a religious today:** why not? God is active in our lives. As one wise sister once said to me, "God has given me so much, why would I not give my life back?"

**Previous ministries:** Teacher, teacher and currently a Teacher (Special Ed. in a Juvenile Detention Center, HS Math, Contractor: Special Ed., Theology HS, and now Middle School Special Ed.) Executive Director (National and International) for Franciscans.

**What are you passionate about?** LIFE and creating some new form of living out "intentional community" with others who are committed to life in the Spirit.

**How do you relax?** Sitting quietly, reading, writing, Amusement parks, movies, and going to the beach.

**List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues.** Relationship, relationship, relationship...if you cannot develop a solid and healthy relationship with a certain interested individual, try to match that person with someone in your congregation. Pay attention when or if the person states that your congregation "feels like home, or identifies with your history."