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What brought you to St. B's?

Shortly after moving to San Diego, one of my housemates invited me to a Mass at St. B's—thank you, Christina! After that, I started attending events with the Young Adults and eventually became part of the leadership team of the 30s & 40s group. By the time you read this, I will be living in L.A. but *#I will always be St. B's.*



30s and 40s group

Who has influenced your faith journey?

First and foremost: my family. I am a cradle Catholic and, ironically, for most of my youth, a reluctant Catholic. It wasn't until I was in my late 20s that I began to have a deep desire to know more about my faith. In San Diego, my relationship with God escalated to a whole other level, thanks to Cursillo and St. B's. Meeting weekly with my Cursillo friends was life-giving and centering. And St. B's offered me many opportunities to grow in relationship with God and others through Connection to Christ small groups, RCIA, Liturgical Ministries, etc., for which I'm grateful ...



Cursillo groupies

God is good!

Let's cut to the chase ... why religious life?

If you would have told me four years ago that I would be joining the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, I would have told you that you were crazy! But three years ago God made His will clear to me—within a week's time, three people asked me if I had ever considered the religious life. At the time I said “no,” and went on with life as usual. When I couldn't stop thinking about their questions, I began looking into religious life. I had previously met wonderful sisters on a silent retreat, and the more I learned about religious life, the more I realized how inaccurate my preconceived ideas had been.

Thanks to several day-long “Come and Explore the Religious Life” retreats with the Sisters of St. Joseph, I realized how much we had in common—that my mission and values in life, as well as how I lived my life, was in alignment with theirs. We have an overarching mission to bring all people to God and to one another, serving and loving the *dear neighbor without distinction*. Their charism is centered around unity and reconciliation. Over time, I realized that religious life was a great fit for me.

So, as of August 1, I entered a year-long stage of candidacy. After that, if I choose to continue and they accept me, I will formally enter the novitiate, followed by an initial profession of vows.

I'm sure there are many other women of God who, like me, didn't know much about religious life and are just waiting for someone to ask them whether or not they've considered it. If that is the case, I enthusiastically encourage YOU to take that next step and ask them. And, if you or someone you know would like to ask more questions about exploring the call to religious life, I invite you to contact me (by calling the Parish Office for my email/phone #) or Sr. Sharon Becker (sbecker@csjorange.org), our Director of Vocations.



St. Brigid, pray for us!