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*The
Will of God
will never take you
where the
Grace
of God
will not protect you.*

I must say that the first thought of becoming a religious began when I was very young..... in fact, especially from my First Holy Communion. I did not know HOW, WHEN, OR WHERE I would go, but I kept this dream in my heart throughout my elementary and high school days.

I know that a call to the religious life comes from God, but I am convinced that the example of my parents was the first school where I learned to pray. Seeing my father on his knees in the kitchen each morning, when I went down for breakfast, certainly inspired me to do the same.

I was the oldest of 4 children, the youngest being only one year old when I met the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. They had come to my home town in Caribou, Maine then. Immediately, these “new Sisters” attracted my attention....They were friendly, welcomed us into the convent, were kind and hospitable. Something or SOMEONE in my heart said: YOU CAN BE ONE OF THEM.

Being very shy and timid, I could not tell the Sisters of my desire to become a religious. I began to take piano lessons in order to know a little more about these Sisters that had touched my heart...and that is the way God took me by the hand and led me here.

Yes, I have always said that God not only walked with me and guided me, but that often He even picked me up and placed me where He wanted me to be in order to use the talents and gifts that He has given me. Mary has always had a special place in my life. I had a love for the rosary that I always kept in my pocket and used it to pray at anytime and anywhere during the day. Joining a Congregation by the name of SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY was also an answer to my prayers.

Yes, there have been difficulties, challenges or surprises that have come my way. However, I thank God for having called me to be a Sister of the Presentation of Mary, and I would not want to change that for all the money in the world.

