

It all started with one movie. When I was a kid, I watched this movie about a nun who was helping untiringly the street children, and that nun in that movie really touched my life and she inspired me to be like her someday. And so from then on, I dreamt of becoming a nun. It may seem a simple encounter of the life of a nun but it did not fail to reach my inner being to also desire that kind of life. But then, time brought me to a different road. My father wanted me to become a lawyer but I don't want it, and my mother wanted me to become a teacher, yes, I could have wanted it too, but I ended up in an Agricultural course. And not long after my second year in college, I decided to stop because I felt that it's not where I really envisioned myself, and so, I find my way again to that dream that I once had, my dream to become a nun. It's all because I felt something different inside me that I cannot somehow figure out. It's only when I saw Sr. Wenda that reminded me of my once forgotten dream. From then on, I started to search where I can make my dream happen. And thanks God, for showing me the way to my dream and thanks to Him all the more, for I am now living my dream.

Indeed, I am so blessed because God brought me in a place where I found my worth and my happiness despite my being unworthy of it. My journey as a Hospitaller was not a smooth one. I fell down a lot of times; I even made a step to go out. I remember, last year, I was so eager to go out that I asked my formator to let me go home and I even made a letter to my Delegate Superior to allow me to go home. It was a desperate decision. And when I came to my senses I realized that not because everything seemed so difficult for me, I should go and escape, and that, I learned that I need to overcome the difficulties and not to let it hinder me to where I want to be, and in what I want to be. With all the difficulties that I had gone through, I feel so blessed because God made me stronger and let me reach this stage of my formation. And for that, I am thankful for all the blessings and graces that bestowed upon me. Indeed, it is through that when God calls you out, He will not allow you to be far from Him. He will always find a way to put you where you should be. Thanks to God for everything.

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To all the guests who took their time to come here, thank you. I really appreciate such act of kindness. To everyone here God bless us all, and again thank you for being with me in this remarkable moment of my life. To all of you, my heartfelt gratitude.