

"Do not be afraid, I am with you"

I am Sr. Divya Kerketta, from Sacred Heart Church Torpa, Jharkhand. I have three brothers and I am the only sister. I was nurtured with good values and Christian faith from my parents. As a child I had a deep desire to be a religious. Whenever I used to see other religious sisters in Habits, I used to say to my mother that I too want to be like them. As I grew up being in the High school, my desire to be a religious disappeared and I continued my further studies.

Suddenly, after my graduation again the love of God and the seed of vocation was sown in me, started sprouting within me. I got big support from my parents. I entered the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after attending the vocation camp in Torpa. The convent is very close to my house. I got an opportunity to know Jesus more closely and experienced His love deeply. Through the grace of God and His blessings, my relationship with Jesus became stronger and took new steps in my life. On 9th February 2008 I surrender myself into God's hand and made my first vows. I experienced God helping me to bloom as a lovely flower in His garden. Today I continue the work of St. Madeline Sophie here in Haregaon, in St. Theresa Girl's High School, which is a Marathi medium. I am trying to spread the fragrance of God's love to all who are around me. There are many challenges, difficulties and struggles in life but when we allow God to work in us, everything becomes possible. During one month of my retreat I had beautiful encounter with Jesus where I heard Him saying to me – "Whatever situation you are in, trust in God, keep on moving in your life. Do not be afraid and with you."

I thank God for all that I am and for His blessings.

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