



Letter to Family and Friends

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Dear Family and Friends,

It has already been a month since I have entered the community of The Lovers of the Holy Cross at St. Anne's Convent! I wanted to write you a letter to share my experiences here in the convent thus far. I hope and pray that this letter finds you and your family doing well in God's abundant blessings.

Last Monday, for us new eight sisters that joined the community were officially recognized as Aspirants of the Lovers of the Holy Cross!! The Aspirancy is the first stage out of the four stages in the formation of becoming a professed sister. It takes at least eight years to become a professed sister! I still have a long journey ahead of me, but I know that God will always be my provider of strengths; if it is His will that I should become a nun, then I know that He will always sustain me. The moment when we officially became Aspirants was one of most joy. We went to our Motherhouse in Los Angeles afterward, and there we were together with all of the 70-80 LHC sisters -- I've never been surrounded by so many sisters in my life!

Since I am not a professed sister yet, a lot of my time here has been spent inside the convent saying prayers, doing daily house chores, attending lessons, and doing spiritual homework. Occasionally, we would go help our professed sisters with their ministries to experience the different ministries of the LHC -- social work, health care, education, and Catechism formation. When school starts for me at the end of this month, then I will have to balance between my convent and college schedule. The religious life at St. Anne's is very routined and disciplined, yet very very simple, which I enjoy and love very much.

Starting next weekend, I will be teaching First Holy Communion at Immaculate Heart of Mary! It will be my first time being a teacher! I am extremely blessed for being given this opportunity to serve God by forming the faith of our young children. I am so very excited about this, so excited that I have written my first story ever! It will be for my students to better understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am currently trying to find a way to finish my illustrations and print these little books for my students. I just hope that they will only be of service to our God and His Church.

Right now, I know that I am called to be here, though for what reason I do not know. It may be that I am called to leave tomorrow, or it may be that I am called to stay here longer or for forever; but I hope to live only in this present moment as God wills.

I now end this letter with my most sincere gratitude. I sincerely thank you all so much for your love and support. I am certain that all of this would have not been possible if it were not for God's graces granted to me through all of your love and prayers. If I may, I ask that you continue to pray for me that I may only fulfill the will of our God. I have been praying and will always keep you and your family in my prayers. May our God keep you safe and bless you always.

Most love and sincerity,
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