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The idea of my having a vocation to the religious life was planted very early in my life.

I had four older brothers and was the youngest and only girl. My brothers were much older than I and had gone to a high school taught by Benedictine Monks and then entered seminary there.

Three of them were ordained to the priesthood. So I began to hear people say that because of this, I would certainly become a Religious. Well, I did not want to hear that call. However my dad had a sister who had been a Benedictine and had died at the age of 21. My grandmother, a very prayerful



woman, told me early in life that she was going to pray that I would take the place of my aunt and become a Sister. Then when I was in the seventh grade I had a wonderful Benedictine Sister for my teacher and I wanted to be just like her. The topic of religious vocations was discussed one day and she drew me aside and asked if I had ever thought of being a Sister. I told her how I had fought the idea for a long time so we had a long talk; she answered my many questions and then invited me to come visit the Monastery with her. God’s call was coming through to me again—this time loud and clear—and at the age of 16, I said “yes” and began the journey of becoming a Benedictine Sister.

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