

Testimony of Consecrated Life of Sister Luísa Afucurone José

"How will I thank the Lord for all he has given me". (Ps 115)

Since I was a little girl, I have greatly appreciated the work of the Sisters at school, at church, with children and adolescents. In 2006, I asked to have an experience in the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionary of Our Lady Sisters. Thus was born and grew the desire to be like them and to consecrate myself to God.

To get to know the will of the Lord better, I had to go through different stages of formation to clearly see the will of God in my life.

During this canonical time, I discovered a taste for personal prayer, community prayer and the fraternal life so dear to Saint Francis of Assisi. I have always relied on the help of sisters and other people God put in my life. I got involved in different pastoral actions. I did some spiritual readings and dialogues which were so important during the time of the novitiate. Everything was a help to discern and confirm my adhesion to what God wanted from me: that He be "My All" and I, all for Him.

I made my first profession in 2014. In this event of my life, I felt the joy of seeing fulfilled the desire that had inhabited me since I was 15 years old. Everything I have experienced in the formation has been a process of discernment, growth and maturation.

In the most recent stage, the juniorate, I felt the joy of serving God and the brothers in total dedication and I want this to be definitive: to live Franciscan spirituality and our charism following the example of our founders: Mother Louise and Father Duchenne.

Through the Vow of Covenant to the God of Love in Poverty, Obedience and Chastity, I want this "YES" like Mary, every day, to be able to express my gratitude to God the Father.

As his child, I will live faithfulness in trust.

Mary, my great protector, watch over me.

May the will of God be done!

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