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My community is called The Servants of God’s Love and we hail from Ann Arbor, Michigan. I grew up in Stratford and I attended St. Aloysius elementary school, St. Michael’s for grades 7 and 8 and then Northwestern Secondary School.

Sr. Kelly MacDonald

Final vows: September, 2005

Home parish: St. Joseph, Stratford

I had a priest friend of mine, Fr. Graham Keep that really encouraged me in discerning religious life. It helped to talk with someone who really understood religious life. What helped me further to discern was a daily prayer life, receiving the sacraments as often as I could and talking with someone from the religious community that I was interested in visiting.

What attracted me to the Servants of God’s Love was their joy. When I visited them, I was struck by how much they laughed! Along with the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, we take a 4th vow to “The Common Life”. This vow means that we live a life in common and are accountable to each other to live holy lives in humility and honesty. We are also a Charismatic community, so worship is part of our daily prayer. All these elements of this community were very important for me to say “yes” to God’s invitation to be His bride.

About the Servants of God’s Love (Ann Arbor, Michigan): we began in April 1975 as a small ecumenical sisterhood in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Most of the founding sisters had attended the University of Michigan and had come to a deeper conversion to the Lord through involvement in The Word of God community, an ecumenical, charismatic group in Ann Arbor. In 1975 six of us began living together. Our rule of life was patterned on The Servants of the Word, an ecumenical brotherhood founded a few years before us.

In 1983 the Lord made known the name He had for us, the Servants of God’s Love, and spoke to us anew about His desire that we be a sign of His strong, personal love for His people and also a sign of the kind of love He wants His people to have for Him. This is our charism and our mission.

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