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“Lead me, Lord”

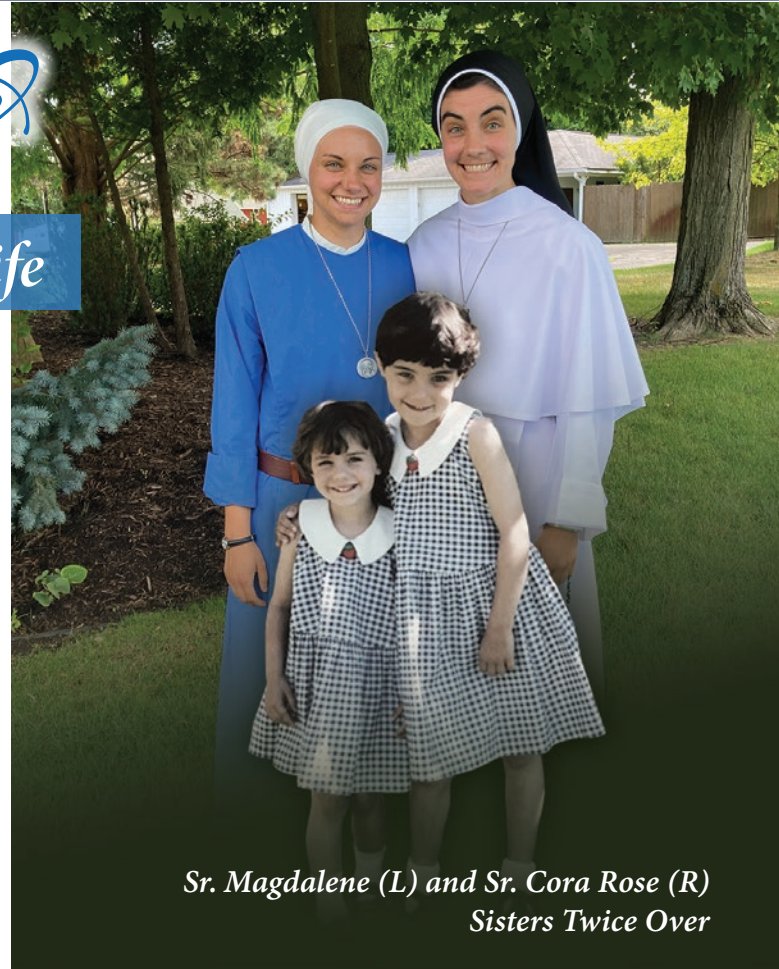
Vocations to Religious Life

Sister Cora Rose Higle

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY,
MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure
buried in a field...” Matthew 13:44*

At the Christmas Midnight Mass in 2012, my attention was given to the small manger scene at the foot of the altar. The previous two years I had been involved in Oregon State University’s Newman Center and began actively searching for the true treasure: Jesus Christ. A desire to discover His plan for my life was taking priority in my prayer, and at that moment, in my home parish of Holy Family in Burns, Oregon, I heard his clear response to that longing. I was being called to uncover the Treasure more fully in the field of Religious Life.



*Sr. Magdalene (L) and Sr. Cora Rose (R)
Sisters Twice Over*



I began discerning and looking at different communities, keeping my life-long desire to be a teacher in the picture. Through openness to the Holy Spirit, I joined the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, and had peace knowing that was where He was calling me to be. Being named after the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I wanted to have my own heart transformed by His grace to be one like His – meek, humble, and loving beyond measure! The Rose part of my name was taken for Saint Rose of Lima who was the “Rose of His Heart” and having her as one of my patrons, I pray that I too can bear a similar title, as one who guides all people to His Love.

Throughout the next eight years, I dug deeper into the field by means of formative living and classes with the Sisters, growth in self-knowledge, countless hours in Eucharistic Adoration, professing vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and working in the apostolate as an elementary teacher. The joy from following Him more

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Sister Magdalene Higle

SOCIETY OF MARY

Being only two years younger than Sister Cora Rose and living her vocational discernment with her, I think many people thought I had discerned my own vocation when she did. Since I was witnessing how clearly Christ was telling her that she would be a nun and that she found her home with the Dominicans, I thought that the vocational call comes always in such a clear and direct way from the Lord. I never thought I could ask Him myself what His plan was for me. Therefore, I kept living my life and I was very happy and peaceful with where I was. I was studying Fine Art, working as a barista, involved in the Newman Center Catholic Campus Ministry, had a great group of faithful friends, and I was growing in my prayer life.

It wasn't until I arrived at my senior year in college and I was facing closed doors and a lack of peace about what step I should take after graduating college that I began to go to Christ more intentionally about my future. Right at this moment in February of 2016 a priest of the St. John Society at the Oregon State Newman Center offered me the opportunity to be a Volunteer Missionary (VM) for the Newman Center. Although I didn't want to take a year off of working on my art and earning money, in prayer I was convinced that this was coming from Christ and He wanted me to do the missionary year.

Therefore, from 2016-2017 I committed to doing a year-long volunteer experience. The year, full of missionary work, intentional community life, consistent prayer moments and working side by side with the Sisters of the Society of Mary, set a new fire within my heart. Every night I was telling Jesus, "Thank you for calling me to this VM year," and every morning I woke up with a great joy



and energy to serve another day. In short, I felt like I was becoming alive. Something new was awakening in me and I couldn't ignore the difference it was making in who I was as a person.

Consequently, as I was thinking of going back to studying art and working in the world, those desires began to fade in the back and were overcome with the desire to give everything to Jesus and His Church. At this time, my spiritual director asked if I wanted to discern my vocation. I was hesitant at first because I couldn't understand why I would need to ask Jesus what His will was for me, when I knew, like Sister Cora Rose, He could just tell me. But through months of discernment, it was clear to me that Jesus was telling me my vocation, but through the discovering of new desires in my heart and the new passion I had for His Mission.

At the end of my volunteer year I told Jesus, yes, I would follow him in the religious life vocation. Providentially the morning after this prayer I was able to have a phone call

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NOW HIRING!

Summer Event Assistant

Great opportunity to build your resume, gain experience planning and running Catholic events for youth and families, and grow in your faith.

June 19 - August 11, 2023, Redmond/Powell Butte, OR

For more info, or to submit your resume, email/call Marie Becker:

marie@dioceseofbaker.org & 541-388-4004 - OR - www.DioceseofBaker.org



Catholic Youth Camp

July 9-13, 2023

Youth who have completed 4th-12th grade are invited to grow in their faith, make new friends, have adventures, toast marshmallows, hang out with Jesus, and just be Catholic!

Youth Leadership Opportunity at Camp

Current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to apply to be part of the Summer Youth Camp Leadership Team. Online training begins in May, with an in-person training just before camp, Jul 7-9, 2023.

Register now @ DioceseOfBaker.org For more info, contact Marie Becker, marie@dioceseofbaker.org & 541-388-4004

Catechetical Symposium

July 21-23, 2023 Parents, Catechists, and Parish Leaders of Evangelization and Catechesis are invited to attend this unique opportunity to gather as a Diocese. Come refresh your spirit, share faith with other Catholics, collaborate with other catechists and parish leaders, and discover new ideas and suggestions to bring back to your family or parish.

Catholic Family Camps

Family outing adventures, prayer, learning, games, crafts, men's & women's sessions, campfire & s'more!

Family Camp (A) - **July 27-30, 2023** // Family Camp (B) - **August 3-6, 2023**

Register now @ DioceseOfBaker.org For more info, contact Bryce Herrmann: bryce@dioceseofbaker.org & 541-388-4004

RENEWING EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT



Over the next three years, throughout the nation and the diocese, we will consciously seek to re-invigorate our belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in His Church.

On the last weekend of each month we will have **Benediction** in every parish. After the closing prayer at Mass, the priest will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the altar for a brief time of adoration and then conclude with a solemn blessing of the people.

Also, parishes across the diocese will unite in prayer for a special **Holy Hour of Adoration** on March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19 at 5:00 p.m. PT/ 6:00 p.m. MT.



Sr. Magdalene Higle, *continued*

with Sister Cora Rose. She joyfully received the news even though I hadn't told any of my family I was discerning.

I often find it a mystery to why Jesus sent one of us to be a Dominican and one to be a Missionary but the more we have grown in our vocation we can each see how clearly we have been sent to these communities for a very specific purpose. Even though we are living this vocation physically apart we still have felt united in this radical following of Jesus. As the younger 'sister-Sister,' the example of Sister Cora Rose has been very fruitful in my own vocation. I entered the Society of Mary four years after she had entered and as an echo of our childhood, I would go to her often to get advice on how to live the Postulancy, the vows or even practical advice like teaching and giving talks. I find great support in her and know that even though we are separate and communication is less, we are more united to each other in Christ's heart than ever before.



Sr. Cora Rose Higle, *continued*

closely was unavoidable and I found my heart being cultivated each day to be more Eucharistic, Marian, and Dominican. On July 26, 2022, I sold everything I had left to buy this amazing field and made my Final Vows to live "*all my life*" as a Dominican Sister of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

I live out these vows under the loving gaze of our Heavenly Father, joined with Christ the Bridegroom, always in accord with the Holy Spirit's promptings, and in the spirit of Saint Dominic. It is a life where I constantly seek to respond in love to Him who first loved me (1 Jn 4:19). The abundance of grace He provides as I open my heart daily, allows me to be transformed into the unique saint He has created me to be. The hundred-fold, promised to those who give up "houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name" (Matthew 19:29) is seen clearly in my family, who have made sacrifices too for my vocation. May He call many more men and women from our diocese to the priesthood and religious life—and I pray they respond with joy to discover the Treasure buried in those fields.

"I spent a couple of summers fighting forest fires before considering religious life. Now, working with the Holy Spirit in the vineyard of the Lord, I go about seeking to set hearts on fire for Christ!"

RENOVANDO EL ASOMBRO EUCARÍSTICO

Durante los próximos tres años, en todo el país y en la diócesis, buscaremos conscientemente revitalizar nuestra creencia en la verdadera presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía y en Su Iglesia.

En el último fin de semana de cada mes tendremos la **Bendición** en cada parroquia. Después de la oración final de la Misa, el sacerdote expondrá el Santísimo Sacramento en el altar por un tiempo breve y después concluirá con una solemne bendición del pueblo.

Además, las parroquias a través de la diócesis se unirán en oración para una **Hora Santa de Adoración** el 19 de Marzo, 21 de Mayo, 16 de Julio, 17 de Septiembre y el 19 de Noviembre a las 5 p. m. PT/6 p. m. MT

