

## Iva Grgurinović, Udruga Betlehem

Iva Grgurinović, rođena 25.05 .1981 u Sisku, jedan dio djetinjstva provela u Hrvatskoj Kostajnici kada je počeo rat i počela sam živjeti u Sisku sa roditeljima i sestrom. Završila sam srednju medicinsku skolu u Sisku,nakon koje sam upisala Edukacijsko rehabilitacijski fakultet i završila za profesora socijalnoga pedagoga zanimanje za djecu i mlade s problemima u ponašanju. Nakon toga sam se udala i rodila dvoje djece. Između moje dvije djece bila sam trudna i izgubila sam dijete, tada sam prvi put osjetila poziv za rad za nerodjene, svaka molitva me vodila da jos više tražim načina da pridonesem borbi za nerodjene. tada

se dogodio susret mene i patera Marka Odmah nakon toga osnovala se udruga Betlehem Sisak, te Bozjom providnošću nakon godinu dana iz ničega stvorila se kuća maloga Isusa u Sisku, a nakon 4 godine i druga kuća žibota Emanuel u Sisku. Moj je životni poziv pomagati majkama koje dodju u kuću da stanu na noge, zavole sebe i povjeruju u Božju riječ da je Bog s nama i da im pružim svu potrebnu pomoć da stanu na noge sa svojom dječicom.

Iva Grgurinović was born on the 25th of May, 1981, in Sisak. She spent part of her childhood in Hrvatska Kostajnica until the war started and then started living in Sisak with her parents and sister. She finished medical high school in Sisak, after which she enrolled into the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, from which she graduated as a professor of social pedagogy with an interest in children and young people with behavioural problems. After that she married and gave birth to two children. Between the birth of those two children she was also pregnant, but lost her child. Then, for the first time, she felt a calling to work for the unborn. Every prayer led her to look into the ways to contribute to the fight for the unborn. At that time occurred an encounter with her and Father Marko. Immediately after that, the Association "Betlehem – Sisak" was founded and, by God's providence, the House of Little Jesus in Sisak was opened, as well as four years later another house called the House of Emanuel in Sisak. Her life's calling is to help mothers who come into the house to stand on their own legs, to make them love themselves, to believe in God's word, to believe that God is with us, and to give them all the help they need to stand on their own two feet along with their children.