



## **Sisters of Life**

### **Pozadina**

*The Sisters of Life* (Sestre Života) red su posvećen zaštiti i širenju svetosti ljudskoga života koji je 1991. osnovao kardinal John O'Connor u New Yorku. Iako su u intimnom suživotu s Isusom u euharistiji, sestre su također dio dinamičnog života u zajednici, donoseći umirujuću Kristovu prisutnost svima koje susreću, čime nasljeđuju Blaženu Djevicu Mariju. Njihov apostolski rad proizlazi iz njihove primarne zadaće, a to je kontemplativna molitva. Njihove misije

uključuju služenje potrebitim trudnicama i njihovoj nerođenoj djeci, služenje onima koji pate od rana pobačaja praćenjem i duhovnim obnovama, izgradnju kulture života evangelizacijom i duhovnim vježbama (u New Yorku, Connecticutu i Coloradu).

### **S. Grace Dominick, S.V.**

Premda rođenjem iz Washingtona, s. Grace Dominic trenutno služi potrebitim trudnicama u Philadelphiji, u kojoj su sestre otvorile novu misiju. Diplomiravši na Katoličkom Sveučilištu i Franjevačkom Sveučilištu u Steubenvilleu, sestra je pet godina radila kao novinarka prije nego što je ušla u red Sestara Života 2008. godine. Poticaj da svoje srce preda Isusu u potpunosti, što ju je začudilo, s. Grace Dominic prvi je put osjetila dok je izvještavala tijekom Svjetskog dana mladih u Torontu, a uzrok tome bilo je snažno svjedočanstvo Ivana Pavla II. Služila je kao ravnateljica za zvanja, a prije toga u Vizitacijskoj misiji u gradu New Yorku.

### **S. Virginia Joy, S.V.**

Sestra Virginia Joy članica je Sestara Života, ženskog reda iz New Yorka posvećenog zaštiti i širenju svetosti ljudskog života. Sestre imaju misije u New Yorku, Connecticutu, Philadelphiji, Denveru i Torontu, u Kanadi, u kojima donose oslobađajuću poruku Evanđelja Života, ljepotu ljudske ljubavi i Kristova milosrđa onima kojima služe. Sestre prate trudnice u potrebi, od kojih neke žive sa sestrama, prate one žene koje su u potrebi iscjeljenja nakon iskustva pobačaja te organiziraju duhovne obnove za sve žene i muškarce. S. Virginia Joy članica je Sestara Života od 2009. godine. Trenutno služi kao ravnateljica Ureda za dostojanstvo ljudskoga života Nadbiskupije u New Yorku.

### **S. Magdalene Teresa, S.V.**

S. Magdalene Teresa odrasla je u Carmelu u Kaliforniji. Diplomirala je likovnu umjetnost na skulpturi i keramici na Sveučilištu u Washingtonu. S. Magdalene stupila je u red Sestara Života 1997. godine, a nakon polaganja zavjeta 2000. godine, sudjelovala je u projektiranju samostana. S. Magdalene trenutno pomaže u Vizitacijskoj misiji kao mjesna poglavarica služeći trudnicama, a stanuje na Manhattanu u New Yorku.

### **Background**

Founded in 1991 by Cardinal John O'Connor in New York, The Sisters of Life are consecrated to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Living intimately with Jesus in Eucharistic prayer, the Sisters share in a vibrant community life and seek to imitate the Blessed Mother, bringing the consoling presence of Christ to all those they encounter. Their apostolic works flow out of their primary mission of contemplative prayer. Their missions include serving vulnerable pregnant women and their unborn children; serving those suffering after an abortion through accompaniment and retreats, fostering a culture of life through evangelization and retreat works (in New York, Connecticut and Colorado).

### **Sr. Grace Domenick S.V.**

A native Washingtonian, Sr. Grace Dominic currently serves vulnerable pregnant women in Philadelphia, where the sisters have opened a new mission. A graduate of Catholic University and Franciscan University of Steubenville, sister worked as a journalist for five years before entering the Sisters of Life in 2008. Moved by the powerful witness of John Paul II while covering at World Youth Day in Toronto, Sr. Grace Dominic first felt the invitation to give her heart completely to Jesus, a surprise unto herself. She previously served as the Vocation Director and prior to that in the Visitation Mission in New York City.

### **Sr. Virginia Joy, S.V.**

Sister Virginia Joy is a member of the Sisters of Life, a New York based community of consecrated women religious dedicated to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. The Sisters have missions in New York, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Denver and Toronto, Canada through which they bring the liberating message of the Gospel of Life, the beauty of human love and the mercy of Christ to those they serve. The Sisters accompany pregnant women in need, some of whom live with the Sisters; walk with those healing after an abortion experience; and host retreats on the spiritual life to all women and men. Sr. Virginia Joy has been a member of the Sisters of Life since 2009. She currently serves as the Director of the Respect Life office for the Archdiocese of New York.

### **Sr Magdalene Teresa, S.V.**

Sr. Magdalene Teresa grew up in Carmel, California. She graduated from University of Washington with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture and Ceramics. Sr. Magdalene entered the Sisters of Life in 1997, and after profession of vows in 2000 she assisted in the design of the Mother House. Sr. Magdalene currently assists in the Visitation Mission as the local superior, serving pregnant women and resides in Manhattan, New York.

