My vocation grew from a profound experience of Christ's presence I had during adoration in college. However, I neither knew how to process that experience nor what to do afterward. FOCUS missionaries found me during this time of uncertainty, pointed me in the right direction and kept me focused on who I was and what I was supposed to be doing. FOCUS helped me identify myself as a daughter of God, worthy of His love, instead of defining myself by my worldly achievements. Through the work of FOCUS and the grace of God, this realization led me to discern my call and to dedicate myself completely to Him as a religious sister.

THANK YOU, FOCUS, FOR CONTINUING TO WALK WITH ME ON MY JOURNEY OF FAITH!

On September 4, 2016, I took final vows with my community, the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. We work with the poor, teach and maintain sites of perpetual adoration. And thanks to my ongoing relationships in FOCUS, our location is now a domestic mission site with FOCUS Missions — which is a huge blessing to us and to the poor on the west side of Chicago. Thank you, FOCUS, for continuing to walk with me on my journey of faith!

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