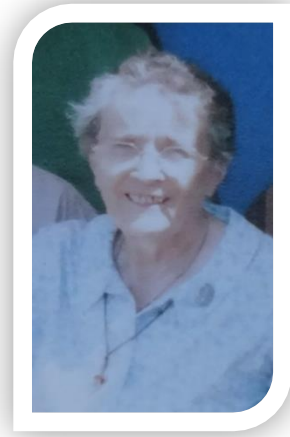




**Sister Josephine Lanigan**  
*shares her vocation story*



**When I was a young sister**

**Now as a senior religious sister**

I was about seven years old when I first thought of becoming a Sister.

The thought was inspired by the white habit and the blue veil of the sisters in the hospital, where I was a patient. Later, at aged about sixteen, after a visit to an aunt who was a Sister in another Congregation, I decided that I would certainly enter the Convent when I left school in a couple of years' time.

***That didn't happen of course.***

The attraction of freedom and money of my own banished the thought effectively when I finished school. Later another friend told me that she was entering an Enclosed Order of nuns. The question about my own future resurfaced .

I was introduced to the FMDMs. And guess what? They were wearing white habits and blue veils!

I discovered that devotion to the motherhood of Mary and to St. Francis of Assisi underpinned their spirituality. I was attracted to this particular Order. And here I am after more than 50 years.