



# Women on the Way

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## Supporting Women in Discernment and Formation

### Prayer and Personal Contact

by Sr. Valerie Marie Roxburgh, Vocations Director

A successful professional woman in discernment recently wrote:



*I had been trying to create myself from the outside with the hope that the void would be filled. Now I am allowing God to recreate me from the inside as I respond to my call to religious life. My friends and family are asking me, "Why would you give up so much after all you have done to create what you want!" I say in response, "Why not?"*

Like this woman, there are men and women in our country today who feel called to the priesthood or to be a religious brother or sister. Recent statistics from **Vision Magazine** indicate a heightened interest in religious life. We need to renew a "culture of vocation" that begins at home and is fostered in our Catholic schools and parishes. People in discernment need support from all of us through prayer and personal contact.

*Please feel free to contact Sr. Val at 805-452-9699 or [sistervalsnd@gmail.com](mailto:sistervalsnd@gmail.com) to arrange a vocations presentation at your parish or school, or to have a companion on your own journey of discernment.*



*Women in various stages of formation with the Sisters of Notre Dame throughout the United States gathered in Chardon, Ohio in January. California postulant Kris Fuller (seated on floor, left) and Sr. Rosaria Park (middle row, second from left), renewed friendships and learned more about the heritage and charism of the congregation.*

### California Postulant Kris Fuller Reflects on Formation Weekend 2009

**What was the most memorable part of the weekend?**

Wow! Had to be the snow! For a SoCal girl like me the sight of snow falling was incredible! It also brought to life the stories I had heard from the novices with whom I shared a year here at Providence

House. Also, visiting the Heritage Room at the Big House (Chardon's province house). It was amazing to see so much of the history of our congregation on display there -- everything from the various habits we've worn to novice desks and portraiture. That really gave me a sense of time and place. As always, our sisters are so welcoming and friendly wherever you go.

**How were you able to relate to the women you met for the first time who are also walking the Notre Dame path towards God?** It always amazes me that we can come together, even for the first time, and feel at home with each other. That is our charism at work!

**What was it like to reunite with some of the novices and juniors that you've met before?** It was like old home week! We picked up right where we left off, chatting and catching up. In fact, I think I feel closer to them now that I've been able to see where they call home. This experience has really brought home to me a deep sense of our connectedness as a congregation.

Are you considering  
religious life?

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