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### The Sisters Next Door

Watching YouTubes about the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, makes me feel proud and happy that there are women willing to commit their life to God and taking care of others. The Sisters teach, nurse, pray and live in a community together. They are very close.

I went to high school at an all-girls catholic high school with Sisters and they were all so close. They had the convent attached to the school and a beautiful chapel which we shared. The Sisters used the Chapel many times a day for their prayers. They had special morning and evening prayers and maybe prayer times during the day too. We would pray at this chapel every first Friday and for special masses, and with our religion class for 10 minutes at the end of every week.

What people don't understand is that the Nuns are people too. Just because they devote their life to God, does not mean they are not able to have fun or do normal things. For example, after Thanksgiving the Sisters have an annual foosball tournament that all of the sisters are really excited about no matter what their age. Sr. Mariette, one of my former teachers kept our alumni informed of the scores and winners by Facebook.

I was very close with my principal, who is a Nun. She works out and goes for a run every day. She wears a Nike fuel band and has won awards for being a top Nike user. She also

loves photography and Apple products. She would research and compare all the advances in the computer industry and teach us all about it. She would even go to the Apple Store on new product launch day, not to buy the product but to be a part of the excitement.

These are things that people would never think of when they think of Nuns. I also know that my Nuns like to go into New York City to see the Rockefeller tree for Christmas and also see some Broadway plays, they have favorite sports teams and favorite tv shows. At first when I had heard that the Sisters at my school were like this I was surprised. I then realized that just because they devoted their lives to God, does not mean that they are not people too. They can live a normal life but just not one of materialistic things and expensive objects. They pool the money they make together to buy what they need for food or other needs. They are people just like you and me.

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