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Abstract: I interviewed Sr. Jean in January of 2019. One thing that she was particularly proud of was how God put her in positions to comfort others. This Paper will describe the events of her life where she felt this most.

Sr. Jean is from the East Coast and came from a religious family where she said God was always apart of her life. At age 17 she entered the congregation as she knew she wanted to dedicate her life to God. 11 years later, and after some retreat time she decided it was time for her vows. Her first work consisted of being a teacher from all grades in elementary school for twelve years and a principle after that at a different school in the area. After this career she took upon a new one. She then moved on to a Marketing Manager for a Catholic senior citizen complex where her job was to recruit senior citizens to live there. She said would call people after dinner, ask them if they were willing to try it out, and she told them if they did not like it after a month she would refund them. In her 13 years of working this job only one person asked for a refund, something Sr. Jean was very proud of.

Sr. Jean shared her favorite moments with me as a Women Religious and that was when she felt God put her in other people's lives to comfort them in times of need. One time she found herself in a foster home, there was a foster mother who was very sick and the only family member she had left was her foster child. Sr. Jean came by to say a prayer

for this sick women, and ironically after she left the room the women died. Sr. Jean said the foster child was weeping and she was there to stay for some hours in order to comfort her. She mentioned this as a very spiritual moment in her life. Another time a lady named Margaret came to see Sr. Jean and told her she was going to die, Sr. Jean told Margaret, "I will miss you". Sr. Jean told me she did not know why that was her response instead of "You should go see a doctor!(1)" Margaret told Sr. Jean that night on the phone she enjoyed their conversation and was at peace for whatever happened. The next day Margaret died. Sr. Jean again told me she felt the presence of God with her very strongly at this time.

Sources:

Sr. Jean, Phone Interview, Jan. 2019