

## DAUGHTERS OF MARY AND JOSEPH

It is with no doubt that God blessed me with the sisters of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph. My relationship with the sisters began 30 years ago when my husband took a new job and moved me and our two sons from Texas to California. I complied with the move with much objection and unfortunately became depressed. I learned of the retreat center from my sons' school secretary. I went on my first day retreat shortly after and became a retreat "junkie"; attending several one day retreats plus 2 weekend retreats per year. **It was the joy exuded by the sisters that kept me going on retreats.** I was in search for that "joy" state of being that God promised was also mine to have. For several years traumatic family events continued to keep me in a dark joyless place. It was only recently that God revealed how He had been working in my life. For 30 years God kept me functional and alive by putting and keeping me on the quest for that joy. With the traumatic events behind me, God ended my quest and filled me with the knowing of the source of that joy. Thank you dear sisters of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph for being a faithful servant to God that I would come to experience the love and joy of God as you have shown me.

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