



## Sister M. Grace Augustine

Sr. M. Grace Augustine was born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Learning to walk in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains, she recognized the grandeur of God, the topography of the spiritual life and her own littleness before she could say “Jesus” (OK. A bit of an exaggeration). As the oldest of nine

children, Sister appreciates and commends the beauty and sacrifice of every Christian family.

Sister answered the call to Religious Life as a Carmelite Sister of the Divine Heart of Jesus (DCJ), in 2012, after her freshman year at Christendom College. Motivated by love for the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Carmelite Sisters DCJ strive to bring the Carmelite Life of union with God (contemplation) into their active charity (apostolate) of providing a Home in the Heart of Jesus as spiritual mothers. It is a simple but demanding daily pattern of “Love in, Love out.” Sister lives at the South Central Provincial House in St. Louis, Missouri, where the Sisters own and operate St. Agnes Home, an assisted living facility, and the Carmelite Child Development Center (CCDC).

As a true Carmelite DCJ, Sister loves to be a missionary of the Divine Heart. While she enjoys any excuse or forum to speak about the Person of Jesus Christ, Sister is most captivated by audiences of children who are so naturally and joyously ready to hear and love Him. Perhaps this is why Sister has enjoyed her most recent roles as Pre-K Teacher and Assistant Director at the CCDC so much. She claims that, if you have the heart of a child, you can understand her message.

Sister wants you to know that the intentions of any listener are lifted up in the Evening Prayer (Vespers) of her Community – and that God only plants desires in your heart so that His Heart can fulfill them!

