## The here and now (contemporary society) living of the Religious Life.

Thanks be to God for all His blessings that I have received as a Temporary Professed Sister of the Sisters of Nazareth. It has been almost six years since I entered the Congregation, those years are not very long, but for me, it is a precious journey of discerning my vocation so far. I believe that God is journeying with me when I am looking back or even now, as I am counting the blessings everyday. Despite all the challenges of religious life, I still find peace through prayers, joy in serving God through others especially the elderly are very much part of my life.

Initially, I didn't even have a thought of becoming a religious Sister, left alone leaving home for another country- Australia. I was happy with my life in Vietnam, with my job and content with what I had, but there was still something in my heart that I could not find the fulfillment of life. I had a chance to work with a few Priests and Sisters as I attended quite a number of activities in my parish. From those time, I observed a lot about their ways of serving others with care, happy smile on their faces, their dedicated service, giving life to other... these had touched my heart and somehow, it helped me to discern my Vocation as a religious Sister.

I am very grateful to all those being in my life and pray that people who are discerning their Vocations may find God in their life, feeling joy, peace and fulfilment. I hope that, with the grace of God, I can use and share what God has given me to others as His instrument.