

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you”. (Philippians 1:3)

Greetings in the name of our Lord. I am Sr. Ramya Teja, belong to the congregation of Catechist sisters of St. Ann. I hail from the Arch diocese of Hyderabad. India.

Let me share a glimpse of my family with you. I come from a small family consisting of my mother, who is working as a teacher. Sadly, I lost my father 6 years ago, but his memory continues to inspire and guide me on my journey of faith. We are two. I am the eldest in the family and I have a younger sister who got married and blessed with a child and pursuing her higher studies. I did my schooling in our Institution. I did my graduation in the subject of science, and I completed my Bachelor of Education in Biology.

My calling to religious life has been a great inspiration growth and unwavering commitment to serving God and His people. Through the guidance of our experienced formators and teachings of the church I developed a deep faith in God by studying the Scripture and by following the rich traditions of our catholic heritage. This formation equipped me with necessary tools to live out my vocation and proclaim the message of Christ’s love to the world.

As a religious sister, I have been privileged to serve in various ministries, each providing unique opportunities to encounter Christ in the lives of others. I did my first commitment in the year 2012 and final commitment in the year 2020. I have had the experience of working in education, pastoral and catechetical ministry, I have 5 years of teaching experience.

Living in community with my fellow sisters has been a source of immense support and encouragement through my religious life. together ,we strive to build a community centered on love, unity and mutual respect. Our shared prayer, common mission and bonds of sisters has been a source of immense support one another and bear witness to he joy of a life consecrated to God.

I also deeply grateful for the privilege my congregation offered to me by **our superior General Rev .Sr. Japamala and provincial superior Rev. Sr.Margaret and their council and our former provincial superior Rev.Sr. Nirmala**, for their

un wavering commitment to the church, their dedication to the Gospel and their tireless efforts in serving the congregation have been a shining example for me.

I thank **His Lord Ship Bishop Ronald Hicks** for his great heart and goodness in welcoming us to this diocese of Joliet to share the mission of Christ, I thank **Rev. Fr. John Balluf , the Episcopal vicar** for making our arrival possible with all the necessary arrangements .

I am filled with immense gratitude for the care and support provided by **Fr.Gregor** from the moment we landed here in the USA , Chicago .His warm welcome and attentive guidance have been instrumental in making this transition smooth and comforting. I thank **Rev. Fr. Mike** for his loving care and goodness in making our stay comfort at St.Luke's parish.

In these few days , I have had the opportunity of experiencing the warmth and kindness of both the parishes of St. Luke's parish ,carol stream and St. Matthew's parish, Glendene heights for your spiritual ,moral and material support that you have shown us have been truly heart warming and inspiring.

As I continue my Journey among you , I eagerly anticipate the opportunities for growth , learning and shared faith experiences. Together let us build a community that reflects God's love and fosters a sense of belonging for everyone. I am here to help in the school ministry, where I hope to share knowledge, instill values and nurture young minds. It is a privilege to serve in this capacity and contribute to the spiritual growth and all-round development of the students.

Thank you, May God continue to bless each one of us as we walk in this journey of faith together.

With deep gratitude and love

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