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| Name | Sr. Mary Michael Butler, DCJ |
| Congregation | Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus-Central Province |
| Number of years as a religious sister | 12 |
| Current apostolate | Vocation work and marketing for our daycare center and assisted living home |
| What is your favorite childhood memory? | Watching the beautiful sunsets over our family farm from sitting atop our hay bales. |
| What did you want to be when you grew up? | A deaf education teacher, a graphic designer, or a clogger! |
| What is (are) your favorite book(s)? | The Family that Overtook Christ by Fr. M. Raymond, OCSO. It's a novel based on the life of St. Bernard. |
| What is your favorite season? | The fall, hands down. I love when the leaves change colors. |
| What is one place you have always wanted to travel to? | Ireland! I've always wanted to see the beautiful countryside, enjoy the fun accent, and witness real Irish dancing! |
| Who are your favorite saints? | St. Teresa of Avila, St. John Paul II, St. Therese, and St. Peter, the Apostle. |
| What prayer(s) do you like best? | My community prays the Stations of the Cross daily. I've come to fall in love with that time set aside to meditate on the Lord's passion. I would have to say it's my favorite prayer. |
| What is your favorite Scripture passage? | I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and pleasing and perfect. -Romans 12:1-2 |
| What did you find most helpful in your discernment? | VISITING communities and TALKING with Sisters. It really wasn't as scary as I thought it would be! |

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you after becoming a sister?

While I was stationed at our Motherhouse in the Netherlands, my parents and I happened to visit Salzburg, Austria, on the very day they were having a Sound of Music festival. A camera crew approached me as we were walking in the park. "Excuse me," they said. "Are you real or are you dressed for the part?" I ended up sharing with them that The Sound of Music actually was my favorite movie when I was little!

How do you express/live your community's charism?

Contemplation-Spiritual Motherhood-Reparation. We are called to bring the fruits of our contemplation in Carmel to the active apostolate by being mothers who provide homes. It is our mission to pray and work for the salvation of souls and to offer all that we do and are as a continuous act of reparation to the Sacred Heart, loving Him for those who do not love Him.

What is your favorite thing about being a sister?

Having no other aim and goal than to be completely FOCUSED on Jesus Christ and fall more in love with Him every day.

What is your greatest joy in community?

Receiving the love of Jesus Christ through the love of my Sisters.