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Who am I?

My name is MaryAnne and I live in the Area of Europe. I come from Malta – a little island in the Mediterranean Sea. I travelled from Malta to England to meet the FCJs. I contacted them first on the internet:-) I studied Mathematics at the University of Malta and did my teacher training here in the UK. I taught Mathematics at an 11-18 Catholic School in Hounslow and enjoyed it immensely. There is something very life-giving in working with children. It is both a huge responsibility and a great privilege.

I never would have imagined that my journey with God would bring me here – and yet it feels like home. I had been growing in an environment of Ignatian Spirituality for a number of years, having worked closely with Jesuits in Malta and I felt that this was the way I had to take to find myself more and be the best person I can be.

I was attracted to the FCJ society for several reasons.

> I was looking for Ignatian women whose lives are rooted in God and whose work is a continuation of Jesus' mission.
> I was looking for a group of people who embrace the world with all its joys and sorrows, and are not afraid to 'live fully'.
> I was looking for a place where I could use the gifts God has given me for God's kingdom, and where I could do this with like-minded people who journey together. For me, the FCJ Society is this place.

I started my two-year novitiate year in September 2001. It was a blessed time full of new challenges and insights. There were moments of joy and of pain, but I discovered some very beautiful things inside me, and realised that I still had a lot to learn.

But if I had to start again – I wouldn't change a thing!

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