



Sister Angela M. Hibbard (Marie Benjamin) grew up in Huron, Ohio. Her father tragically died in an accident before she was 2 years old. Her mother went to work, and her grandmother nurtured Angela and her sister in every way.

Later, her mother remarried and had three more girls. Angela's typical Catholic upbringing continued, both in her home and in the Catholic grade school. When she was only 10 years old, Angela vividly recalls learning about St. Teresa of Avila and admiring her strength.

Angela met IHM Sisters as a boarder at St. Mary Academy in Monroe. With her 12 years of piano, she encountered Sister Mary Chabaneau as a teacher and as someone who inspired others. It was during a senior retreat that Angela was inspired to become an IHM Sister.

During postulancy and novitiate, she found kind superiors in Mother Benedicta (Sister Margaret Brennan) Mother Alphonsine who invited all to holiness. The Second Vatican Council began and influenced her while she was in formation and continues to do so.

She was first missioned to teach at Holy Name, Birmingham, Mich., and then to St. Bede in Southfield, Mich. Angela began attending charismatic renewal meetings in Ann Arbor



and this became an important part of her life. She found the congregation

encouraging her to prepare for each of her ministry commitments. Getting another degree or a certificate prepared her to for work in various places like Vista Maria and before going to Japan. She is grateful for the education and support that she has received in making decisions during challenging times.



Over the years, she has learned just how daily life is and that there is no grand plan for her life. It is important to listen to God's voice each day. Religious life is at a turning point in the history of the Church.

Like our founders we are, metaphorically, moving into the wilderness. We cannot give in to weariness but are called to maintain our spirit of adventure and creativity!