### I HAVE WANTED TO BE A NUN ALL MY LIFE

### "I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER" (Hos 2:21)

Often, the girls at school told me: "You are going to be a nun". I liked to hear that comment, even if it was made in a derogatory tone. I thought, "Being married to God! It must be something great!". My relationship with Jesus was affectionate and trusting, He had become my best friend since I was a child. I told him everything! Although I was like everyone else, I felt special and I was very happy. One summer afternoon, in my room, talking to Jesus, I felt that He was calling me to be his spouse. I could not believe it. I said "yes", and I was looking forward to going to Church to tell him before the Eucharist:

#### YES, I WANT TO BE YOUR SPOUSE FOREVER

I have never forgotten that moment. He was the first to make the alliance

# THE BOY WHO I LIKED DUMPED ME "BY EGYPT YOU WILL BE SHAMED" (Jer 2:36)

The years of High School arrived. On the last year, a boy of my class crossed my way. We spent a lot of time together that year, talking about everything. It was great! We were good friends, there was respect and we even talked about future projects in which we agreed. We were comfortable together and, without realizing, I was falling in love.

When the end of High School arrived, he said something about separation. I did not understand, because we lived in the same town. He continued: "I do not want to lose a good friend". He didn't need to tell me more. He didn't want to go any further, in case something went wrong and our friendship was broken. I suffered a lot because I really loved him.

# YOU SEDUCED ME, LORD "I BELONG TO MY LOVER, HIS YEARNING IS FOR ME" (Sg 7:11)

I was always telling the Lord how excited I was with that boy: And, what if we formed a Christian family? After all, that is also necessary... Then I told Jesus how disappointed I was, as I loved that boy so much... Jesus listened to me with patience and love, letting me ease with Him.

- One day Jesus told me: "You loved him very much, didn't you?"

- I replied, Yes, Lord, I would have married him; I was willing to give my life for him.

- And... Me? You told me you would be my spouse forever...

- I was petrified and began to understand. The Lord used everything to teach me:

-1st -He was the first One who had been committed to me.

-2nd - He loved me more than I loved that boy.

-3rd - This was how my alliance should be with Him: UNCONDITIONAL. Willing to give my life for Him.

Thank you, Lord, for taking me by my hand in the small events of my life, for always having me by your side. Thank you for my vocation of OBLATEOF CHRIST THE PRIEST.