



# Sr Maria - Bernardine Cistercians

From an early age I felt a desire in my very being to become a religious sister, having a sense that **nothing else could truly satisfy me.**

**At the heart of my calling is an attraction to a deeper relationship with Christ,** to authentic and real community living, to the celebration of the Eucharist, the Divine Office and Lectio or meditative reading of Scripture, to working together and sharing in the daily which includes forgiving each other. That's why I was

attracted to a monastic lifestyle, **in the service of God and others.** It is through all this, alongside our

work of hospitality and education, **that we welcome both individuals and groups who come to us, in our monastic guest house, seeking God.**