

My name is Kayla Garchar and I was born and raised in Dolores, Colorado. I am a cradle Catholic and had the joy of attending Mass and receiving most of my Sacraments at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Cortez, CO. As a member of the Montelores Catholic Community, I have many fond memories as a member of the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, serving in various liturgical ministries, and growing in faith alongside the youth of our rural parishes. As a sophomore in high school, I began to hear a gentle Voice leading me to spend a few minutes every day after school in the quiet recesses of my parish church. Wrapped in the embrace of this silence before the Blessed Sacrament, I first heard the call to devote myself entirely to the Church. Nearly a year after this call began to burn inside my heart, the Holy Spirit lead me to discover online the Daughters of St. Paul, an order of religious sisters who seek to follow in the footsteps of St. Paul in proclaiming the Gospel through the most modern and efficacious means of media and publishing. I began vocational direction with the Daughters in 2013, which was the start of my seven-year discernment journey with the community, during which I received a Bachelor of Arts in Theology at the University of Portland in Portland, OR. I entered the community as a postulant on October 15, 2020 in St. Louis, MO. I will study in St. Louis for the next two years before moving to our motherhouse in Boston, MA, where I will complete two years of novitiate prior to professing first vows. Please keep me in your prayers!