

**Manuscript**  
**Convent**  
**TVP, Wrocław**

Intro: In Poland several young girls choose to join a convent. We have talked with three young people, who all have decided to join the convent.

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Rita – a novice  
Mariola Ulczycka

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**Jolanta Urbaniak, nun's mother**

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Although I was aware of the fact that she had the right to choose, and though I am a tolerant person, however, no...it did not strike me like a thunder from a clear blue sky. I was prepared to face it but still, it was very hard to come to terms with it.

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I was trying to ask myself a question - *why?*

It was not as if she did not have a job, she was poor, or unhappy in love. Or that all things around her started to crumble.

**Sister Edyta, a novice before chastity vows**

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When my mother realized that I was preparing for real she started to cry. I was sure already then that if she was not going to let me go I would run away from home. It was so deep inside me, the will to go.

**Sister Rita, a novice**

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Vocation is a gift. It is a gift and a great mystery.

**Sister Edyta**

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Thoughts of a convent came in waves, suddenly. I was ready to give up all things I had and I knew I would find a better life there, in silence, at my prayers. I knew I would find God there.

**Sister Rita**

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Strange things started to happen; I would feel it suddenly and very deep inside me. I will tell you a story, maybe a bit mundane. On a day when I was cleaning I came across Farmers' Calendar. I started leafing through it and I came across a story of a nun. She was saying: Jesus is also a fiancé but he asks you to marry him only once, not because he does not love you that much, but because he loves you so much that he respects your free will to choose.

**Sister Edyta**

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Many times I heard from my friends – you must be unhappy in love, that is why you are going to the convent. It is not like that. It is something more. It is an inner voice that tells you: you have to go where someone is waiting for you.

**Chastity vows**

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I give myself to God and I vow chastity, austerity and obedience until my death. With mercy of the Holy Spirit I want to serve God and the Church and I want to pursue ideal love. So help me God and the Holy Mother Mary.

**Jolanta Urbaniak**

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I believe that my daughter will be able to fulfill herself there. This convent carries a wide range of activities directed at those in need. It takes care of prostitutes, orphans, handicapped and terminally ill.

**Mariola Ulczycka**

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The fact that I did not find a place in a convent is very painful. I do not really want to have a family. I cannot find myself in a society.