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Yearning for the truth

Jacqueline Loh, a Singaporean lawyer and mother of two, recalls the beginning of a journey which began when she was at university: “I longed to be able to know the truth about the faith which I had previously practiced without much understanding or questioning....”

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Opus Dei has given me meaning and focus in life and has taught me how

to live and how important it is to live my faith fully, with depth and intensity. Opus Dei has taught me that I am a daughter of God and everything that happens to me, pleasing or otherwise, is for my good. That way, despite problems and sorrows, I don't really have anxieties.

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This is in contrast to how I was like before I met the Work. Back then, I was at university, on the furthest part of the globe, away from the safe confines of my family and parish. I was thrown into confusion when people around advocated and lived values that were so different from mine. Reckless and seemingly free, getting the attention of all around, it seemed all too attractive. I had the same questions as any other young person about sex, religion, politics, fashion, wanting to be accepted and facing peer pressure.

Worse, the only friendly faces that I met, as a first-time foreign student trying not to show that she missed home and half regretting coming abroad to study, were students from the Christian Union. They were very nice people, out to get everyone to accept Jesus as Lord but I was uncomfortable about what they declared as truths of the faith and also with the way they lived: some thought nothing about pre-marital sex.

But they set me searching for the truth and I longed to be able to know the truth about the faith which I had previously practiced without much understanding or questioning.

I had all my doubts answered when I met the Work but more than that, I learnt how to fall in love with God. I learnt piety, love of God and that is what that has made me continue to be faithful. If there is no love, it

would be pointless and hollow to be a Christian.

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