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Lidwine: God and Motherhood

Lidwine shares how she lives her vocation as a supernumerary in her daily life as a wife and mother. She finds peace in the certainty that she is where God wants her to be, and the means of formation she receives in Opus Dei help her keep her friendship with God alive and see things through his eyes.

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Lidwine, a young mother of thirty, opens the doors of her home with a deep conviction: “God lives here, in this home.” Family is central to her vocation, because holiness in ordinary life means being grounded where she is, doing what needs to be done every day and offering it to God.

She has discovered that this holiness is not necessarily found in great feats, but “in all the little things that come with being a mother.” Family life is often unpredictable, but she finds deep inner peace in it because she senses that she is exactly where she belongs: “God has called me to be a mother.”

The formation she receives in Opus Dei helps her keep her heart anchored on God. From changing diapers to cooking or tidying the house, everything can be turned into a prayer. “It helps me stay a little bit

in conversation with God throughout the day,” she explains.

Lidwine and her husband share the responsibility of raising their children, which they see as a beautiful challenge of married life: exchanging views, learning from one another, coming to an agreement, and passing their shared vision on to their children. When they go to Mass every Sunday, they feel like their family “grows” to include the other families and children in the parish.

Although finding quiet time to pray, read, or write can be difficult, she says that God gives her “small, unexpected moments” for prayer throughout the day.

Among other means of formation, she attends the weekly circle, which she especially values because it helps her “to see things again with God’s eyes, in the light of eternity.” She can

put worries in perspective, set priorities, and renew her self-giving.

“I am very happy,” she says, because “when you give yourself, you receive so much in return.”

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