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- 1. What is unique about the Daughters of Charity?**
- 2. What kind of work/ ministry do you do?**
- 3. Do you get paid for the work you do?**
- 4. Why do you live in community?**
- 5. How did you know you were called?**

1. The DCs are unique in that we are not 'nuns' or 'religious sisters', but women who belong to a society of apostolic life, which is the way the Church describes us. We live out our baptismal consecration by vows which are 'non-religious', annual and always renewable. These vows are 'Service of the Poor, Chastity, Poverty and Obedience.' The reasons for this uniqueness is because the Church in 1633, would not have allowed us to leave our 'Convent' and go out to care for the poor in their homes, which is what Vincent and Louise wanted us to do.
2. I am semi-retired, but have a ministry of caring for some elderly, retired Sisters who live together in a house in Southport, Merseyside. I have worked in the past for the homeless, hostel work with students, social work with families and children and so on.
3. No, I do not get paid, as I have given my life to live in community and am happy to do whatever is required in the care of the Sisters I live with.
4. Our Founders considered community life very important if we are to be totally given to the service of the poor without having to be concerned with having a job to pay for somewhere to live. It frees me up completely to spend all my time in the service of those in need.
5. I am a late vocation, but always felt that God was calling me to the religious life, but it took time to realise after some years that God was indeed calling me to leave everything and follow him. Only by living as a Daughter of Charity have I come to see the way God has been working throughout my life to bring me to where I am today.