

NEWS RELEASE

A Nun's Life Ministry celebrates 10th anniversary with cross-country road trip



Toledo, Ohio, October 10, 2016 – [A Nun's Life](#) (NL), a pioneer in innovative uses of internet technologies for ministry, takes to the road on Saturday, October 15, for its biggest journey yet as part of its [10th anniversary celebration](#).

The A Nun's Life team will travel by car, plane and train from October 15-22 to visit Catholic sisters around the country and share stories about faith, spirituality, prayer, service, and life as a sister. They will be joined by people worldwide in the online community, who will travel along by way of video, photos, and interaction on multiple platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat.

The road trip includes major stops in these areas, with many smaller stops in between.

- **Saturday, October 15:** Chicago, Illinois
- **Monday, October 17:** Albuquerque, New Mexico
- **Wednesday, October 19:** Cupertino, California
- **Friday, October 21:** Campbell, California
- **Saturday, October 22:** San Rafael, California

Two feature podcasts will be livestreamed during the trip. "Praying with the Sisters" will be broadcast from New Mexico on Monday, October 17, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time. Viewers can join the sisters online for prayer and for conversation in the chat room.

The "Ask Sister - Motherhouse Road Trip" podcast will be broadcast from California on Friday, October 21, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time. The podcast will be hosted by Sisters Julie Vieira and Maxine Kollasch, with guests Sisters Cynthia Canning and Sally Gunn of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. The livestreaming events, which are free and open to the public, will be held at [aNunsLife.org](#).

"We want to celebrate the 10th anniversary by sharing the joy, adventure, and innovative spirit that's at the heart of A Nun's Life," says Sister Kollasch who co-founded the ministry with Sister Vieira in 2006. "The road trip," she says, "is a unique and enjoyable way to do that!"

The trip begins on the feast day of Saint Teresa of Avila, a 16th century Carmelite nun whose life was an inspiration for the co-founders' own vocations to religious life. The Chicago stop honors the origins of A Nun's Life, which began while Sister Vieira was living on the North Side and Sister Kollasch on the South Side. Albuquerque signifies the pioneering spirit of the ministry.

The ultimate destination, Silicon Valley, reflects the technology roots of A Nun's Life, which was founded on the internet and began using social technologies that were newly emerging at the time.

"The idea for this trip came from the Motherhouse Road Trip series," says Sister Vieira. Since 2013 when the series began, A Nun's Life has taken its mobile studio to 28 Motherhouses across the country for livestreaming podcasts with Catholic sisters and interaction with the online community.

"The road trips are a way to bring sisters and the online community into conversation about faith, prayer, spirituality, service and many other topics that affect the lives of people today," Sister Vieira says. She adds, "We've had incredible response from the online community and the sisters we've visited on the trips. That's what inspired this adventure, making this, in a sense, the Mother of All Road Trips!"

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A Nun's Life Ministry (NL) is an internet-based ministry at aNunsLife.org and on social media. A Nun's Life was founded in 2006 on the belief that each person is called by God to a vocation that enriches the individual and the world. A Nun's Life mission is to help people discover and grow in their vocation by engaging questions about God, faith, and religious life. The ministry engages with people from 150 countries and all walks of life. Nationally recognized as an innovator in online vocation ministry, A Nun's Life has been featured in the Associated Press, National Public Radio, TIME, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Global Sisters Report, VISION Vocation Guide, Catholic News Service and many more. A Nun's Life presents regularly at national and regional conferences on topics related to using social media to advance mission and build meaningful relationships. A Nun's Life is a 501(c)(3) organization with offices in Toledo, Ohio.