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One of the many blessings in my life... Sr. Deborah Walter meant so much to me long before I began working with the Working Families Grant Program at Marian University. In fact, Sr. Deb and I started at Marian College on the same day in 1988. From the start, Sr. Deb became a mentor and confidant, taking me—a young woman beginning her professional career—under her wing. She was a role model who gave me the strength and courage to find my voice and stand up for myself when needed, and, in turn, for others. Over the years at Marian, I've always felt blessed to know and work alongside Sr. Deborah. She influenced and inspired me in countless ways, especially over the last twelve-plus years. I truly feel blessed and called to work in the Working Families Grant Program, where I continue Sr. Deborah's legacy of helping single parents—primarily women, but also a few men—earn their Bachelor's degrees. This enables them to provide for themselves and their families, helping to break the cycle of poverty that so many face. Words can't fully capture how humble, special, and lucky I feel to be part of this journey with such amazing, hard-working, beautifully broken, and tenacious individuals. Working at Marian University and carrying on the legacy of the Sisters of Saint Agnes is an incredible blessing to me.

I am incredibly thankful to be celebrating 15 years as an associate of CSA. It feels like just a few years ago that I made my first commitment! These years in the associate community have been such a precious gift. I've met amazing, like-minded individuals, formed lasting friendships, and had countless opportunities to explore, question, and deepen my faith in a supportive, nurturing space. Being part of this community has filled me with so much joy, and I am extremely grateful to be a part of it.