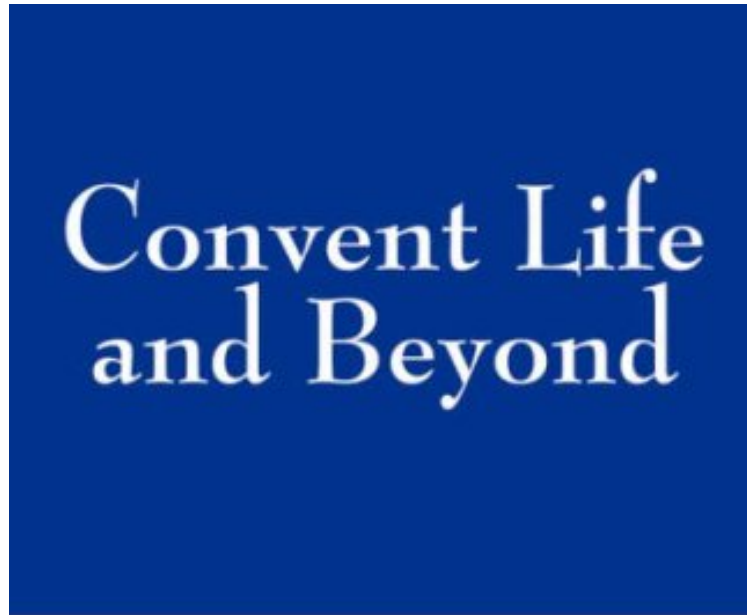


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when she finally left the convent, she continued with her strong faith in Christ and never wavers in her desire to serve God. It is a story of a life lived in faith....4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Convent Life and Beyond Reader Review By L. D. Anderson This book really captures the human emotions every young person experiences as they journey into and through early adult hood. The author shows true courage in her forthright and completely honest description of her spiritual, teaching and family experiences. Although most of us did not attempt convent life, we dealt with supervisors, irrelevance and opposition to change. But, not many of us could be so disclosing in such a public venue. Many readers will be comforted and relieved to see how commonly we all share our human insecurities and frustrations. Being a cradle Catholic and having experienced a first year of teaching many years ago, I identified with her through the entire story. Reviewer Karen Anderson 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Interesting and thought-provoking By Allen L. Weddell I feel the author had wonderful way of presenting her thoughts in literary form. Her way of presenting the information is captivating as well as causing you not to want to put the book down. Not being a Catholic, I found myself moving in and out of many emotions especially hearing about many past rituals that had gotten a grip on the religious people of that day and their opposition to change. I also could share in the many steps the author took in her life as she continually was vulnerable to ridicule and sometimes hatred.

The life which is unexamined is not worth living. (Socrates) This is the story of my family of nine siblings and my faith-filled mother, Bessie. My mostly-absentee father, Glid, traveled with a road construction crew after he lost his beloved farm during the Great Depression. My mother's courage in raising our family despite hard and sometimes tragic times was always an inspiration to me. This story relates my faith progression from age fifteen when I entered the convent against my parents' advice. It describes the joy and hardships that I encountered in the convent. Many people influenced my life, strengthening my faith and increased my trust in the Lord. The changes advocated by Vatican II caused great upheavals in many people's lives. These changes profoundly affected my life and brought about events that eventually lead me to serve God outside convent life. It describes the trauma I felt coming back into a world that had become foreign to me after spending so many years in an isolated environment. It is my hope that this story will inspire people of every faith to put their trust in a wise God who always opens new doors when others choose to close those that have been most sacred and familiar.