

## *Disciples Among Us*

*"Ah, Lord GOD!" I said,  
"I do not know how to speak. I am  
too young!"<sup>2</sup>  
But the LORD answered me,  
Do not say, "I am too young."  
To whomever I send you, you shall  
go;  
whatever I command you, you  
shall speak.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you  
oracle of the LORD.  
Then the LORD extended his hand and  
touched my mouth, saying to me  
"See, I place my words in your mouth!"  
**Jer 1:4-9***



Gracyn is a 16 year old high school student who continues to find new ways to be a disciple of Christ. For years she came to St. Johns with her grandmother but it wasn't until over a year ago that she decided to enter into the Church. Instead of placing her in adult RCIA, Sister Hannah placed Gracyn with the eighth grade confirmation candidates. It made it easier for Gracyn to relate at more of a peer level. Prior to RCIA, she felt the call to be an Altar Server. While on the alter Gracyn felt closer to God. Once confirmed, she inquired of Sister Hannah if she could be a Lecture at the 8:00 mass. Since Gracyn participated in many plays at school, speaking in front of people came very natural.

Not only is Gracyn a witness to her faith at Church, she also is a witness to her faith in her the community. She applies her many God given talents at school by taking honors classes, playing soccer and volleyball, and participating in student government and "Teens for Christ". As she goes off to college and beyond, Gracyn knows that she will use her talents to serve Christ since she knows He has always been calling her.