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I am Janna Marianne Baldemoro Sena. I was born on November 18, 2008 in Polangui, Albay, Philippines, youngest among the six children of Johnny Sarte Sena and Many Anne Baldemoro Sena. Even though we are poor, my parents always find ways to give a better future for us. At my young age, I already know some realities in life since the atmosphere in our house is quite far that what should I experience as a child. However, I used this situation to challenge myself to build a strong and better character.

Since elementary, I became competitive because all of my siblings are good in academics and we had been in same school. So the people there basically know our family. Since then I remain as a consistent honor student. But I will not achieve those without perseverance and patience in life. I experienced walking along the mud just to go to school since we are living in the middle of the rice fields. I need to walk for at least 2 kilometers everyday just to reach the highway and another 15 minutes to ride going to school and all of this became easier for me because my family is always there to guide me.

At my younger age, I learned that life gave us challenges. During pandemic, we experience a lot of difficulties and this test my perseverance. My father had been stroked and most painful moment that struck our lives is when my grandma died. This resulted a great impact for my family. We experienced loss of money and we found it hard to return to our usual way of living. When the time that my grandmother is dying, I am alone with her. I could not do anything to save her. But with this, she inspired me more to become a great doctor, even though I already dream of it as a child back then. And all of these difficulties push me to dream high and become my reason why I went to the Sisters of Mary School. Even though I have many siblings that can help, they barely cannot help and make a better life for their own family and focus on their studies.

As a student of the Sisters of Mary School, I grow and build a strong character. I perform very well since I know that this institution will mold me to become a better citizen.

Still, a consistent honor student excelling in my academics. I am also the vice-president of the Supreme Student Government which is nourishing my leadership to our community. Serving the School by being a helping sister and winning various competitions. Lastly, I am the commander of the Citizenship Army Training in which I am leading my fellow students. These great achievements of mine taught me to become more responsible, disciplined, and compassionate. With this privilege, I learned that I am capable of something and I am destined for something bigger. I build trust in my own abilities that someday I will become a successful woman in the future. My dedication and passion of helping, serving, and caring for other people inspires me more, to be an excellent doctor for the service of all people. All of these are because of my inspiration to my grandmother and my passion. All of my struggles did not stop me to dream to the fullest because I know that all things are possible with determination and dedication and of course the trust to our Heavenly Father.