

MARINIE J. LETCHE

My name is Marinie J. Letche, 16 years of age from the province of Nueva Ecijah. I was born on November 09, 2007. I am the youngest among the 8 children. However, they are just my half brothers and sisters. Four of them have a family to support. The other two are focusing on their career while one of my sisters is still studying, a high school student just like me. Supposedly, I still have younger brothers, however a week and a month after birth, they passed away. Young as I am, I do not have many memories of them nor a picture. The same with my father, he died when I was 7 years old, due to his illness. My mother stands as our father during those three years, sacrificing herself to do everything to support us financially and trying to be strong enough physically, mentally, spiritually and most of all emotionally, despite of all the hardships and trials that she had encountered. Young as I am, I do not know all of these but as I grow up I realize how my mother really love and care for us. After three years when I was in grade 4, she met my stepfather who is a widower, just like her. As they grew older, it's hard for them to work, however, they still strive to work to provide our daily needs. My mother is a housewife and having an old manual sewing machine, she earns money from repairing torn clothes. My stepfather is a carpenter. Honestly saying, since elementary I experienced having no money or allowance at all. Sometimes, I just have 5 pesos, the same with my sister, and when I see some of my classmates having many foods, I envied them because they can eat the food that they wanted, and they can have the things they liked. As I grew up, those experiences made me realize that it was worth it for me to be a simple person and to live contentedly.



Now, I am currently studying here in the Sisters of Mary School, accomplishing what I need to accomplish, to reach my goal and someday to become an Agriculture Engineer, which is my ultimate goal upon entering this school. But first, in order to do it, I will do my very best to maintain good performance in my studies as well as my good behavior and to exert more effort during college, in order to get a good grade. In reaching my dreams, I can help my family.

Thank you very much and may the Lord God bless you always.