

# Sisters in Name *and* Faith

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**M**aria and Diana D. are not just sisters; they are best friends too. Diana is 10 years old, and Maria recently turned 12. They live in Romania, where there are about 3,000 members of the Church. They keep their faith in Jesus Christ strong by going to church, reading the scriptures, and praying.

“In church I’ve learned to have faith in God,” Maria says. One day she had a test, so she prayed to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ for help. When she got a good grade, she felt like Heavenly Father had helped her.

Diana says the Book of Mormon helps her have faith. “Every day that I read the Book of Mormon, I have a good day,” she says. Her favorite scripture story is the story of Joseph Smith. “He prayed, and God and Jesus Christ helped him,” she says.



## CHOCOLATE

*Both sisters' favorite dessert is chocolate: Maria likes brownies, and Diana likes chocolate cake.*





### FAVORITE SONG

*Maria and Diana both play the piano. Maria's favorite song is "Love One Another." It is about Jesus's commandment to love other people. Diana can almost play it perfectly, but the end is the hardest part, she says.*



### I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE

*Maria and Diana both want to be married in the temple one day. They live in the Kyiv Ukraine Temple District. When Diana is older, she will go to the Kyiv Ukraine Temple to do baptisms for the dead. Maria is now old enough to go. The temple is about 500 miles (805 km) away.*

### FAMILY FIRST

*Maria and Diana love their parents. "Mom makes us feel better when we're sick," Maria says. "Dad takes us to school," Diana says.*

### HYMNS

*Diana's favorite hymn is "Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains," which tells about when Jesus Christ was born. Members in Romania use the Church's green hymnbook. "Imnuri" means "hymns" in Romanian.*

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