

I grew up in a small town on the Central Coast of California. There were no references to queerness, queer history, or queer culture in the media when I was growing up and formulating gender and sexuality. There was definitely a void of such discussions in my hometown. This environment presented many difficulties, but most of all, it made it difficult for my young queer self to embrace my whole being. Eventually, I left that small town on a journey that would lead to blasting my closet door off its hinges.

My journey to becoming a Sister of Perpetual Indulgence began the Sister's home town of San Francisco. The first time I saw the Sisters was at San Francisco Pride in 1991. I was fascinated by their look, their drag, and the way they appeared to mock traditional aspects of our society invoking the sacred clown. At the time, I had no interest in drag nor did I ever imagine that I would find myself among these wonderful beings.

I lived an out and proud existence without becoming too involved in radical activism. I led most of my adult life as a cis, white, gay, male with centrist politics . . . until one day . . . several family members demonstrated that their moral high ground and their conservative political views were more important than my safety, my love, my marriage, my freedom, my existence, and my life. I realized that the 30 plus years of being out and proud had not changed my family's views nor had there been significant societal changes in marginalized communities. I could no longer stay silent to the oppression and violence caused by transphobia, homophobia, biphobia, racism, sexism, classism, ableism, audism, ageism, xenophobia, or bigotry based on religious affiliation . . . It was time to become LOUD AND PROUD . . . Enter The DC Sisters!

The DC Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence provided an outlet that sparked my creativity and taught me to spread joy and love in the world.

Then one day . . .

After many manifestations . . .

Sister Soyuna Pasiva was born of star dust, biodegradable glitter, petty coats, and vintage fashion. Upon manifesting in our universe, she saw a world yearning for Love and Joy. A world desperately in need of Drag Queen Activism and the Sacred Clown. Soyuna joined the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and dedicated herself to tearing down stigmatic guilt and promoting universal joy. Her goals are to glitter bomb everything in biodegradable glitter, make sure that the carpets always match the drapes, and always be the twirliest girl in the world.

Sister Soyuna Pasiva shares her Joy with the world on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/soyunapasiva/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/SoyunaPasivaDC>).