VOCATION QUESTIONS

**What is a vocation? How can I know it?**

A vocation is God’s invitation or calling to each individual to love and serve Him and His Church through a particular way of life.

**What are some signs of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?**

- Faith and love for Christ and His Church
- The maturity and the willingness to respond, to the needs of others
- A regular habit of prayer and a balanced devotional life
- Psychological readiness to pursue a sustaining lifelong commitment
- A desire to become a priest or consecrated religious; which may be something constant or momentary, long standing or new
- Good moral character
- A spirit of detachment that helps someone be in the world but not of the world

**Men’s Discernment Group**

Activities and retreats encouraging faithful discipleship & personal holiness for **men 18 and older** who are discerning if God might be inviting them to serve Christ & His Church as a priest or religious brother or priest.

**Women’s Discernment Group**

Activities and retreats encouraging faithful discipleship & personal holiness for **women 18 and older** who are discerning if God might be inviting them to serve Christ & His Church as a nun or religious sister.

**Teen Discernment group & Quo Vadis**

Activities encouraging faithful discipleship & personal holiness for **high school young men** to better discern their own vocation invitation from Our Lord, whatever that might be. **Quo Vadis** is a 3-day camp for high school Catholic men to learn more about the priesthood, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God’s call in their lives.

**Teen Discernment group & Fiat Days**

Activities encouraging faithful discipleship & personal holiness for **high school young women** to better discern their own vocation invitation from Our Lord, whatever that might be. **Fiat Days** is a retreat for high school Catholic women who want to learn more about consecrated life, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God’s call in their lives.

**College Discernment Group**

Activities encouraging faithful discipleship & personal holiness for **college-age men and women**.

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**Christ’s Invitation**

We Can Help
A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service, in the context of an authentic ecclesial life.

No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love.

Did not Jesus say: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35)?

- Pope Francis, May 11, 2014

A priest or consecrated religious is someone who...

...proclaims the Gospel in its fullness with clarity and courage in word and in deed while teaching and encouraging others to do the same.

...prays daily, faithfully reciting the Liturgy of the Hours, and if a priest, recognizes the unique privilege of offering Mass and the other sacraments as the customary way of receiving Christ's grace.

...strives to grow in love for Christ regularly honoring and adoring His Real Presence in the Eucharist.

...has a deep love for and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

...wants to be a "fisher of men" whose goal is to unconditionally love others and become a humble instrument for the salvation of souls.

...has a preferential option for the poor, ready and willing to assist those in need, fully embracing their call to serve and not to be served.

...readily seeks prayerful intercession among the Communion of Saints.

...maintains respect and obedience to the Holy Father, their Bishop, the Church’s Magisterium and, if a religious, their provincial or religious superiors.

...is committed to living a chaste and celibate life.

...is proud to be Catholic, never shying away from publicly witnessing the faith, their priesthood or their religious vocation.

...has a balanced and sustained devotional life.

...humbly recognizes their need for Christ's mercy and forgiveness, seeking it regularly in the Sacrament of...