

Spiritual Mission: Vocations

Vocation means a *call*. It is God's invitation –His call- to each person to love and serve Him and His Church in a particular state or way of life. There are four different callings to our vocation: marriage, religious life, priesthood, and the single life. All of these callings are ordered to get us closer to God.¹ In a marriage the union is meant for each spouse to grow with each other and get each other to heaven.

“In all the ways he calls us, God shows infinite creativity. The Lord’s initiative and his gracious gift call for a response on our part. Vocation is “the interplay between divine choice and human freedom”, a dynamic and exciting relationship between God and the human heart.”

- Pope Francis, April 30, 2023

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are great, You are almighty.

Thank You for giving us the desire and the heart to be here.

May You be here to guide our conversation and allow us be open to You.

May we recognize the the life of Jesus and model our lives like Him.

May we recognize each others’ lives to help support our growth, to be here for one another and to have confidence in our fraternity.

Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts and minds in this time.

Amen

1 Corinthians 3: 7-9

Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth.

The one who plants and the one who waters are equal, and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor.

For we are God’s co-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Qualifications of Various Ministers (1 Timothy 3: 1-5)

This saying is trustworthy: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task.

Therefore, a bishop must be irreproachable, married only once, temperate, self-controlled, decent, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not aggressive, but gentle, not contentious, not a lover of money.

He must manage his own household well, keeping his children under control with perfect dignity;
for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of the church of God?

Titus in Crete (Titus 1: 7–9)

For a bishop as God’s steward must be blameless, not arrogant, not irritable, not a drunkard, not aggressive, not greedy for sordid gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness, temperate, just, holy, and self-controlled, holding fast to the true message as taught so that he will be able both to exhort with sound doctrine and to refute opponents.

(Definition of bishop = overseer/ elder)

Reread in silence and reflect on the words in this passage.

What word or phrase stands out to you?

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When considering the vocation of marriage, where do you feel God directing your intentionality as it relates to your role within marriage? (Other words: what is God drawing you towards from the perspective of being a Godly husband?)

What are ways to overcome the “interference” of that pulls us away from our Godly call (i.e. interference = work/ life balance, pornography, news)?

Commitment/ Action Plan

Explore the role of masculinity in our vocation.

“The Ultimate Man”

- Lives fully in the virtues
- Protects others, especially the young, old, and infirm
- Expects nothing in return
- Great courage in the face of pain
- Stoic response to everything
- Love is His greatest goal

This week, let us strive to continue our commitment to daily prayer.

- Pray for clarity in your call/ spiritual mission
- Pray for continual conversion of heart to draw closer to God

What is your takeaway from mass to live out in your week: