Where Is God Calling You?

A vocation is a continuing call from God to share in His love.

- **Marriage** - The natural vocation of all men and women is marriage. Married people commit to "a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." (CCC 1601)
- **Religious Life** - Some men and women are called to a deeper consecration of their lives to God. Religious brothers and sisters vow to live for God alone through poverty, chastity and obedience. Jesus recommended this way of life as a means of committing oneself surely to God, and through this way of life, Religious are free to do the work of building God's Kingdom by their prayer and work.
- **Holy Orders** - "Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time; thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate." (CCC 1536) The priesthood is a ministry of bringing Jesus to people, and people to Jesus, especially through teaching and the Sacraments.
- **Sacred Single Life** - Some people serve God as single people, without marrying or taking special vows, but nonetheless serving the Church in a meaningful way. Single people "contribute greatly to the good of the human family" (CCC 2231). "Some live their situation in the spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbor in exemplary fashion." In some circumstances, single people make a formal consecration under their local bishop.

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