

## Vocation

There is a myth about one's vocation that it is the enslavement of oneself to God; having to surrender our free will to do what God wants, rather than what we want....

**“In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory...” Ephesians 1: 11 - 12**

The definition of vocation according to the internet is: “a strong impulse or inclination to follow a particular activity or career” or “a function or station in life to which one is called by God.” A vocation is far beyond what God wants, rather it is a part of the very fabric of who we are. It's an inclination that is deeper, richer and greater than we could ever imagine for ourselves.

**“Every vocation is a deep personal experience of the truth of these words: ‘I am with you.’” St. John Paul the Great**

This promise of a vocation is this: It will never be easy...People will hate you, despise you and go out of their way to sabotage you. However, despite all of this nothing in this world could ever give you more satisfaction, joy or hope than living your vocation in its fullest reality.

**“In the hidden recesses of the human heart the grace of a vocation takes the form of a dialogue. It is a dialogue between Christ and an individual, in which a personal invitation is given. Christ calls the person by name and says: “Come, follow me.” This call, this mysterious inner voice of Christ, is heard most clearly in silence and prayer. Its acceptance is an act of faith.” St. John Paul the Great**

The reality of a vocation is so strong and so powerful, because it is found, exists and is expressed from the depths of our souls that God so longs for us to explore. The full richness of a vocation is beyond our ability to imagine, because a vocation is not limited to just us, it exists and thrives so that all of creation can experience its beauty.

*Father, Creator of all being,  
show me the ways of Your wonder that long to be realized in me.  
Grant that my discernment of my vocation may be full and fruitful.  
Mold me in the presence of all Your people,  
that through this vocation You may love the world,  
as it yearns to be loved.  
May I always walk with You through this vocation of life.*

*AMEN*