

GOD'S CALL TO US

"God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength." *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* 1

"Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.⁶" CCC 3

6 Cf. *Acts* 2:42.

"Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, Christians are 'dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus' and so participate in the life of the Risen Lord.⁸ Following Christ and united with him,⁹ Christians can strive to be 'imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love'¹⁰ by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the 'mind ... which is yours in Christ Jesus,'¹¹ and by following His example.¹²" CCC 1694

8 *Rom* 6:11 and cf. 6:5; cf. *Col* 2:12.

9 Cf. *Jn* 15:5.

10 *Eph* 5:1-2.

11 *Phil* 2:5.

12 Cf. *Jn* 13:12-16.

"The Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real though imperfect."²⁹⁵ In her members perfect holiness is something yet to be acquired: 'Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state—though each in his own way—are called by the Lord to that perfection of sanctity by which the Father himself is perfect."²⁹⁶" CCC 825

295 *LG* 48 § 3.

296 *LG* 11 § 3.

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for younger saints

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A vocation is the state of life that each is called to. An occupation is the job we do within that vocation. For example:

- A nun (vocation) may work as a nurse (occupation).
- A married person (vocation) may be an engineer (occupation).
- A consecrated single person (vocation) may work as a youth minister (occupation).

10. Recite the Family Vocation Prayer.

Oh God, we earnestly ask You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for Your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests and religious, obtain for us many more. Amen.