



This is my Vocation Story

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My name is Zoë Lamborn. I am called to serve Christ and humanity as a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I was an “Army brat,” so my family moved frequently and I’ve lived all over the country. We converted from the Church of Latter Day Saints to Catholicism when I was seven years old, and after our conversion I fell in love with the Catholic faith and Her truth.

My Faith

I moved to Kansas the summer before my junior year in high school and attended Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School. That was the first time I had any interaction with religious sisters. I was struck by how beautiful (and completely normal) they were. At a women’s retreat for juniors, I was brought to tears after learning of the overwhelming beauty and supernatural nature of religious vocations.

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My Vocation

While attending college, I stayed in close contact with a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHMs), who had taught me in high school.

That spring I made plans to attend “Come and See” events and secured an internship with the Little Sisters of the Poor, but when the pandemic struck I was forced to return home. Although disappointed my faith journey was being put on hold, the experience allowed me to find personal silence with Christ and a resting place in His love. I began to turn to the Lord in everything, and He continued to capture my heart.

At the end of June, the IHM sisters invited me to spend a few days with their community in Wichita, and two weeks later I was on a plane to Kansas. During my time there, I found a community of women whom I loved and could picture myself spending the rest of my life striving for heaven with.



Called to Serve

I continued to discern, and found myself comparing other communities I met with to the IHMs. Thankfully, Mary was patient in allowing me to gradually come to the realization that all of my desires were fulfilled in the IHMs. I have a deep feeling of belonging and joy when I am with the Sisters, and do not want to let that feeling go.

I am particularly drawn to the unique charism of the IHM sisters: they pray and offer sacrifices for the salvation of sinners and the sanctification of priests; they witness to the faith through the wearing of habits and the foregoing of ordinary conveniences; and they educate youth in the fundamentals of our faith within the Diocese of Wichita.

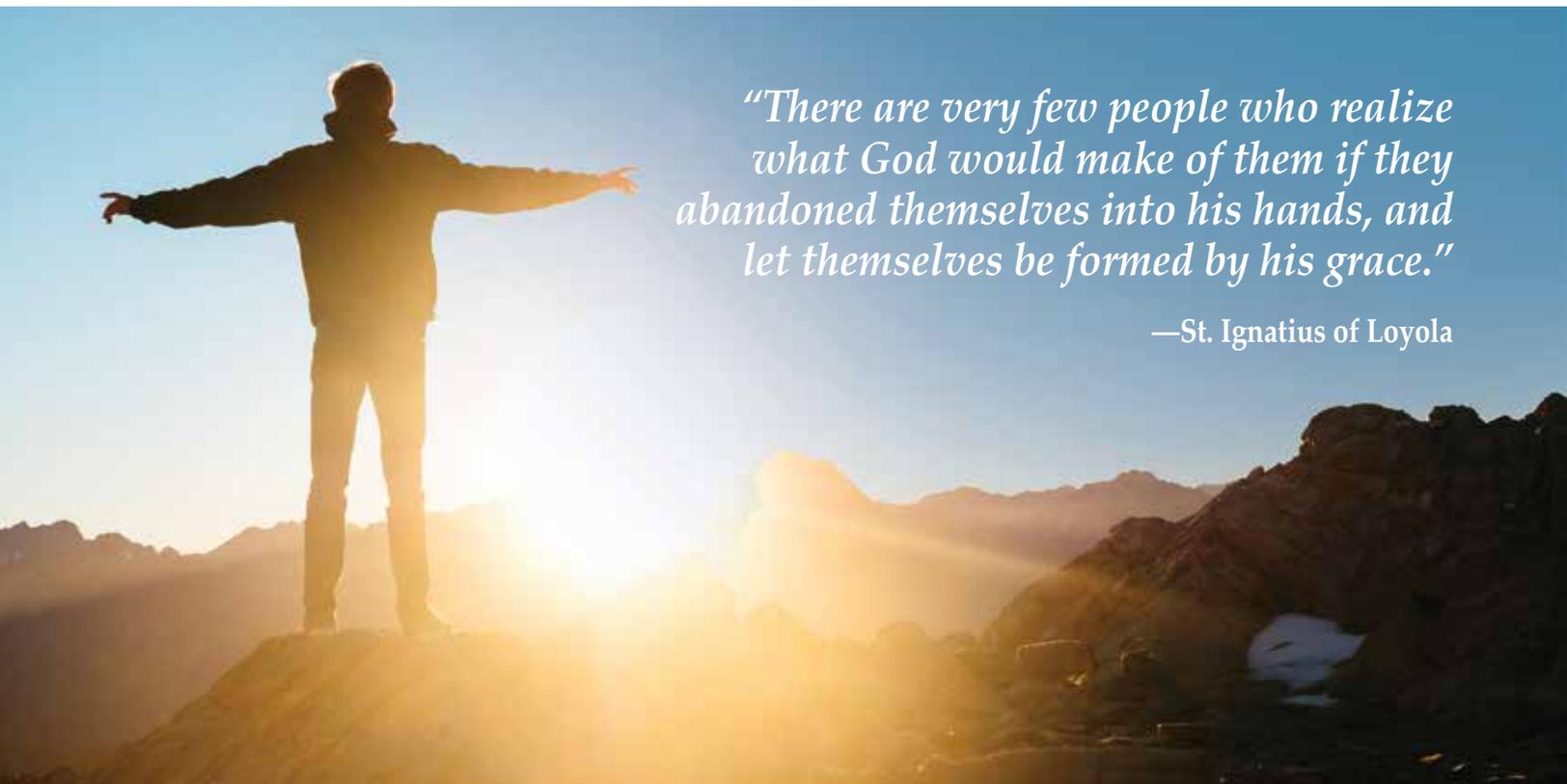
As an Immaculate Heart of Mary sister, I cannot wait to be the reason a child falls in love with Jesus just as I have. I am so excited at the opportunity to become a bride of Christ, and pray that He may allow me, in a special way, to be a physical representation of His love on earth.

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Prayer & Invitation

Please pray that my fellow Labouré classmates and I can resolve the student loan debt blocking our path to religious life. With your help, our class will soon reach its goal of serving Christ and humanity. Please reach out with any questions you might have at: Zoe@rescuevocations.org.

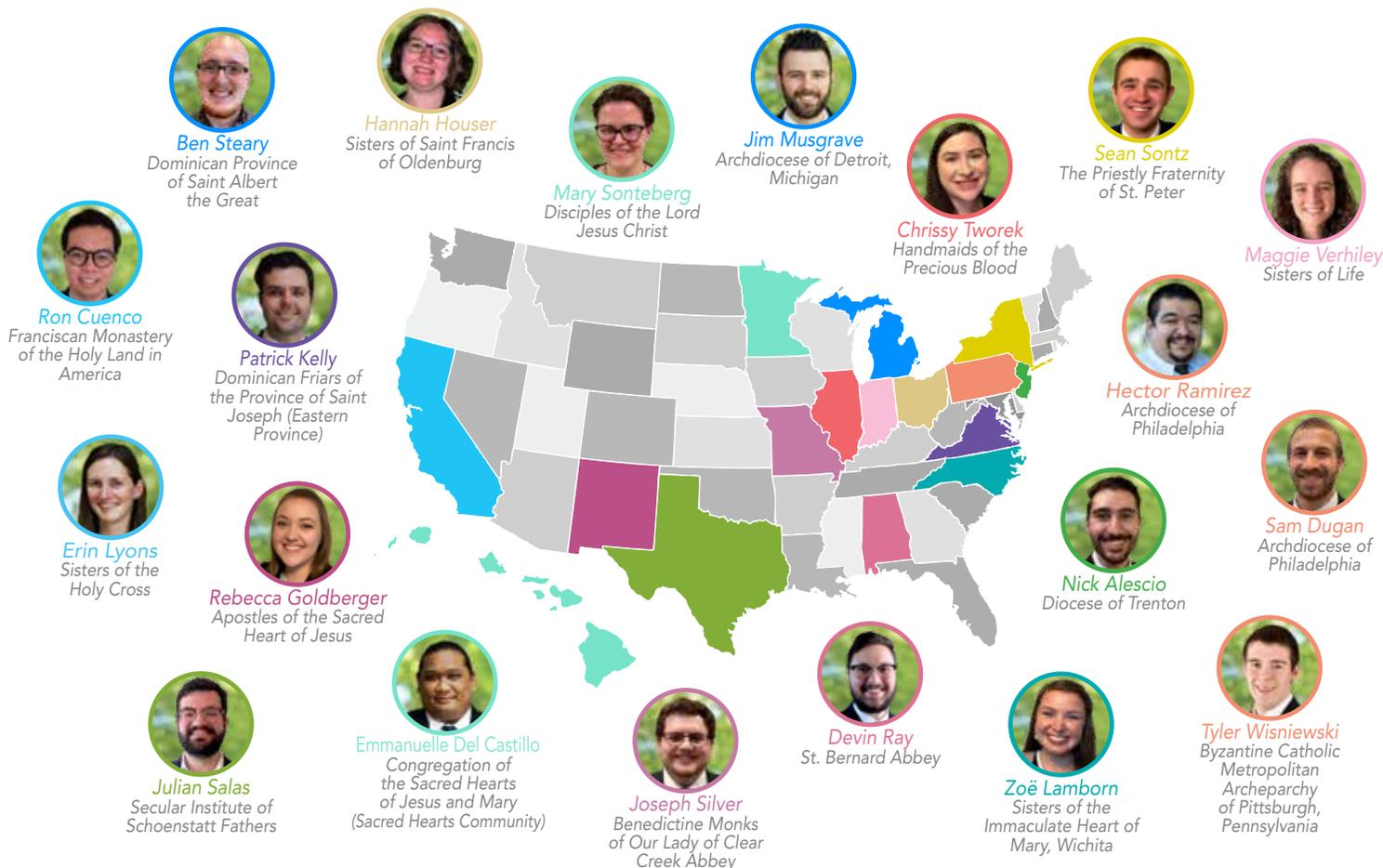


“There are very few people who realize what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves into his hands, and let themselves be formed by his grace.”

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

I am an aspirant of Labouré

I am also a fundraiser for a class of aspiring priests, sisters and brothers. A recent study confirmed that nearly 1 of every 2 aspirants is blocked from entering seminaries and religious communities due to student loan debt. It is the only thing that prevents many from entering formation to become a priest, sister or brother. My classmates are discerning all over the country.



With your help, we will rebuild the Church!

My goal is to raise \$60,000 (the average student loan amount) before June 30th of this year for The Labouré Society, a Catholic non-profit that helps aspirants like me to answer God's call.

Every aspirant has been accepted by a diocese or community and is required to work to liquidate their assets in order to make their own maximum loan payments. Through Labouré, my fellow aspirants and I work together as a class, raising donations which will be divided amongst the class and ultimately applied to our remaining student loans.

We are blessed to have this opportunity to share our love for God, our vocation stories, and to invite hundreds of individuals to support vocations like ours by financially investing in our future and the future of the Church.

Will you join our vocational journeys?

Please partner with us and be part of our vocation team so we can answer God's call together!

Our vocations story videos are online at: www.RescueVocations.org

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HELP RESCUE VOCATIONS™

Why is Labouré Needed?



Individuals discerning a priestly or religious vocation in the US annually*



Are blocked from pursuing this call due to education loans*



The average amount our vocational aspirants in Labouré owe in educational loans

How does the Mission Work?

OUR ASPIRANTS

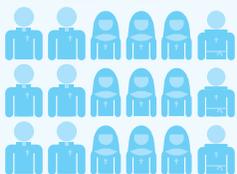
- Are discerning a vocation and have been accepted into a diocese or religious institute
- Are blocked from entering or continuing vocational formation due to student loans
- Are trained by Labouré in Catholic-based fundraising and are provided with practical tools, personal mentoring, and accountability
- Share their vocation stories with thousands of Catholic donors, thereby building a culture of vocations and evangelization
- Collectively raise funds as a class of 20-25 aspirants and receive awards from those funds to be applied toward their debt

THE LABOURE SOCIETY

- Works with aspirants to help them utilize all personal means to mitigate their loan amount prior to acceptance into the program
- Trains each aspirant in Catholic-based philanthropy
- Mentors each aspirant to build a unified team; each individual works toward the collective goal
- Provides ongoing accountability and personal guidance to ensure proper preparation and completion of the individual fundraising plans of each aspirant
- Equips each aspirant with an online fundraising platform and multi-media fundraising tools
- Facilitates ongoing aspirant/donor communication and updates after aspirant enters formation

What Has Labouré Accomplished?

370+



Assisted in their journey to answer God's call

\$10 MILLION



Raised by Labouré aspirants since 2003

PROVEN



In operation since 2003

TRUSTED



Listed in the Official Catholic Directory

* NRVC, Vision Study, 2010

The Labouré Society is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and is listed in the Official Catholic Directory. All donations are tax deductible. Gifts solicited by our aspirants belong to Labouré and are dispersed upon board approved guidelines to ensure full compliance with IRS rulings. All gifts made to Labouré are non-refundable. Aspirants who leave Labouré are not required to repay any funds disbursed but are strongly encouraged to support Labouré however possible. Funds granted but not dispersed to a former aspirant are made available to other Labouré needs.