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This is my Vocation Story



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My name is Maclean Andrews. I am called to serve Christ and humanity as a Jesuit priest. This is my story.

In the Beginning

If passports were issued at the start of our faith journey, mine would contain stamps from many churches. I was baptized Episcopalian and grew up attending an Evangelical/Pentecostal church in Everett, Washington. As a child I attended church at least once a week with my parents and five younger siblings. My grandparents introduced me to Catholicism, and I learned more about the faith while attending a Jesuit high school, Gonzaga Preparatory School, in Spokane.

My Faith

Meeting the Jesuits was a pivotal moment in my faith journey. During the school day I pretended to be Catholic, but at night I remained Evangelical. I learned that both traditions taught the life of Christ and the joy of walking with Him. It was on a youth trip during my junior year that I finally felt truly welcome in the Catholic Church — so much so that I considered becoming a Jesuit (an idea that seemed preposterous at the time).

While enrolled in the International Studies program during undergrad, I became disillusioned and questioned my faith. After a period of confusion I signed up for some theology courses, which helped me to better understand my faith.

After working in politics for a few years I moved back to Spokane and got a job at my alma mater, Gonzaga Preparatory School. Once again, I heard the same quiet voice inviting me to come home to the Catholic Church, and this time I said “yes.”

“I hope to lead people to fully experience the powerful and joyful love of Jesus through service and following the call of Christ.”

—MacLean Andrews

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My Vocation

The invitation to become Catholic came once again with a call to become a Jesuit. Upon reflection I realized my calling had come many times, including through people in my life who'd suggested I consider priesthood. Soon, I began receiving spiritual direction in preparation for confirmation, and also for my discernment. By the grace of God I became Catholic in 2016, and am further prepared to devote my life to the Church as a Jesuit priest.

Called to Serve

I am drawn to the Jesuits because I feel a deep connection to Ignatian Spirituality. I also appreciate that they not only run schools but also work with the poor and offer spiritual direction. I hope to continue teaching, but also look forward to serving in whatever capacity I am most needed.

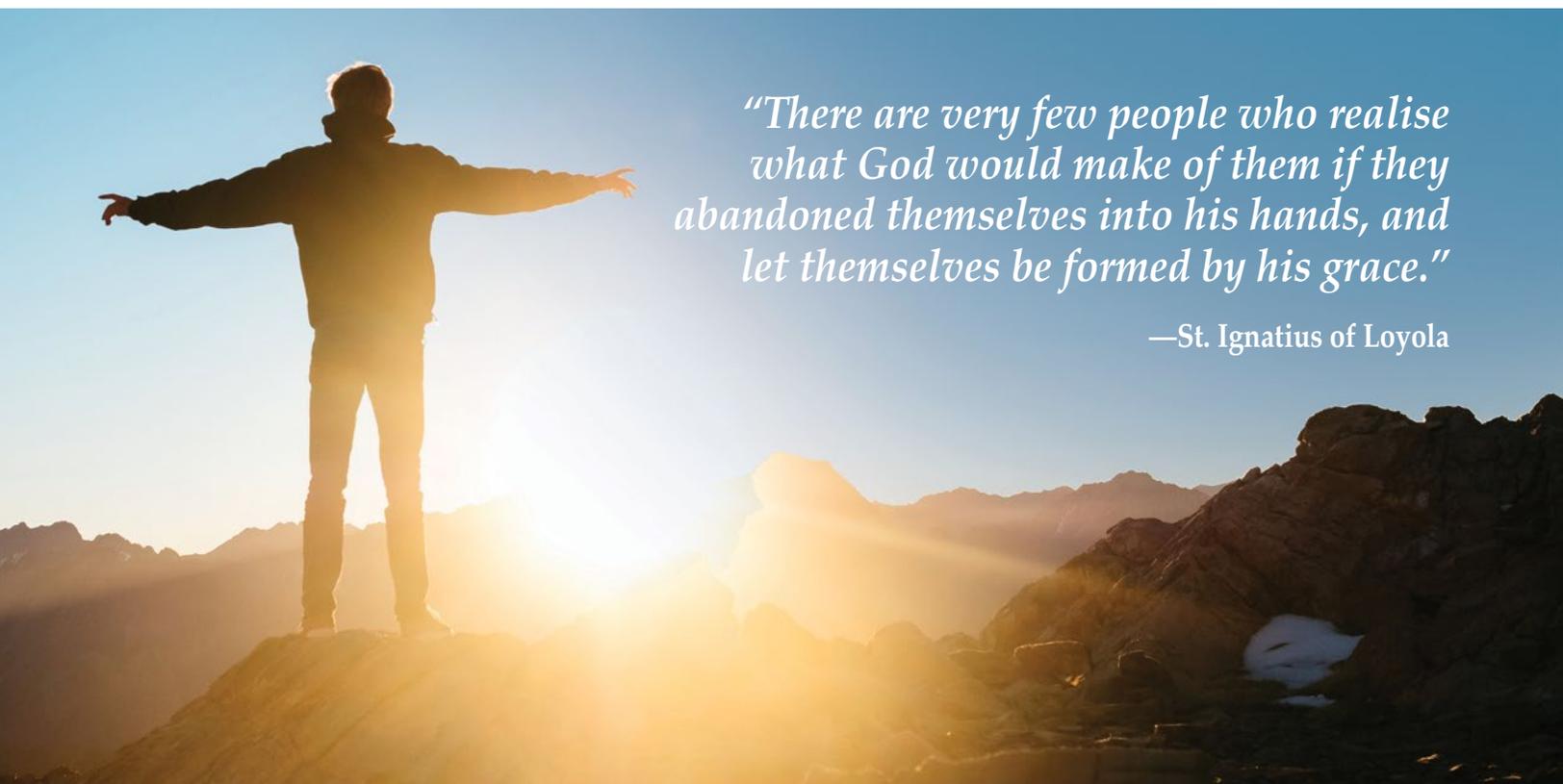
"I am called to serve and walk with those on the margins of society. The love of Jesus is calling for me to walk with others."

—MacLean Andrews

Prayer & Invitation

Please pray for me and my fellow Labouré classmates as we begin the journey to formation.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you might have at: MacLean@rescuevocations.org.



"There are very few people who realise 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.

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Jake Smith
Archdiocese of Denver

Anthony Riley
Archdiocese of Detroit

Dan Roberts
Diocese of Pittsburgh

Tyler Wisniewski
Byzantine Catholic
Metropolitan
Archeparchy of
Pittsburgh

Mary Sorteberg
Disciples of the Lord
Jesus Christ

Chrissy Tworek
Handmaids of the
Precious Blood

Isis Leslie
Our Lady of Confidence
Carmelite Monastery

Josh Parmet
Archdiocese of
Philadelphia

Eddie Huber
Diocese of Orange

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Heart of Jesus

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Archdiocese of Miami

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Religious Sisters
of Mercy of Alma,
Michigan

With your help, we will rebuild the Church!

My goal is to raise \$60,000 (the average student loan amount) before December 31st 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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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
- As a class of 20-25 aspirants raise funds collectively and receive awards from those funds to be applied to their debt

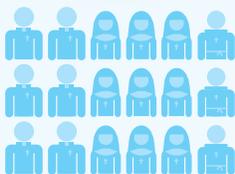
THE LABOURÉ SOCIETY



- Works with aspirants to 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 into formation to the priesthood or religious life

\$10 MILLION



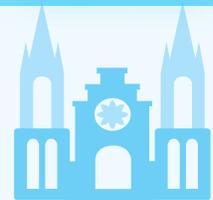
Raised by Labouré aspirants since 2003

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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.