

This is my Vocation Story



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My name is Josh Parmet. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is inviting me to serve Christ and His Church. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia and lived there until I went off to college. I am the third of five children. Our mom is Catholic and our father is Jewish, but we were raised in the Catholic faith. We attended Mass every Sunday, although my interests were in sports, practicing guitar, and playing video games. I attended public grade school and went on to pursue a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

My Faith

When I went off to college, I was still going to Mass but was doing the bare minimum with my faith. In the summer before my junior year I felt a pull to make a confession, and I took a significant leap in my spiritual life. I made changes to my lifestyle, started praying the rosary, and continued attending the sacrament of penance. Through undergrad and also in my graduate studies I continued to practice my faith, but felt that I wasn't growing in it.

In the fall of 2019, I attended a healing Mass and experienced peace after receiving prayer. Little did I know, this would open up my heart more to receiving God's subtle direction to the priesthood. A few days later a video popped up on my phone titled "from engineer to priest." I had felt some pull to the priesthood over the years, but after seeing this I knew deep down it couldn't be a coincidence. At the time I thought I wanted nothing to do with the priesthood. I wanted to grow in my job and eventually start a family, and so I ignored the meaning of the video.

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My Vocation

When I really started to feel the call was at the beginning of the pandemic.



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There was a lot of time for solitude and I began praying multiple rosaries and growing deeper in my prayer life. Thoughts of priesthood began to resurface and instead of being dismissive I started to feel at peace with the notion of becoming a priest, and I even started longing for it.

I saw the joy that would come through a life dedicated to doing God’s will, totally giving my life to the church, and being able to bring the sacraments to the faithful. I started praying about discerning my vocation and growing even more in my prayer life, primarily through attending adoration almost daily and consecrating myself to the Blessed Mother and to St. Joseph.

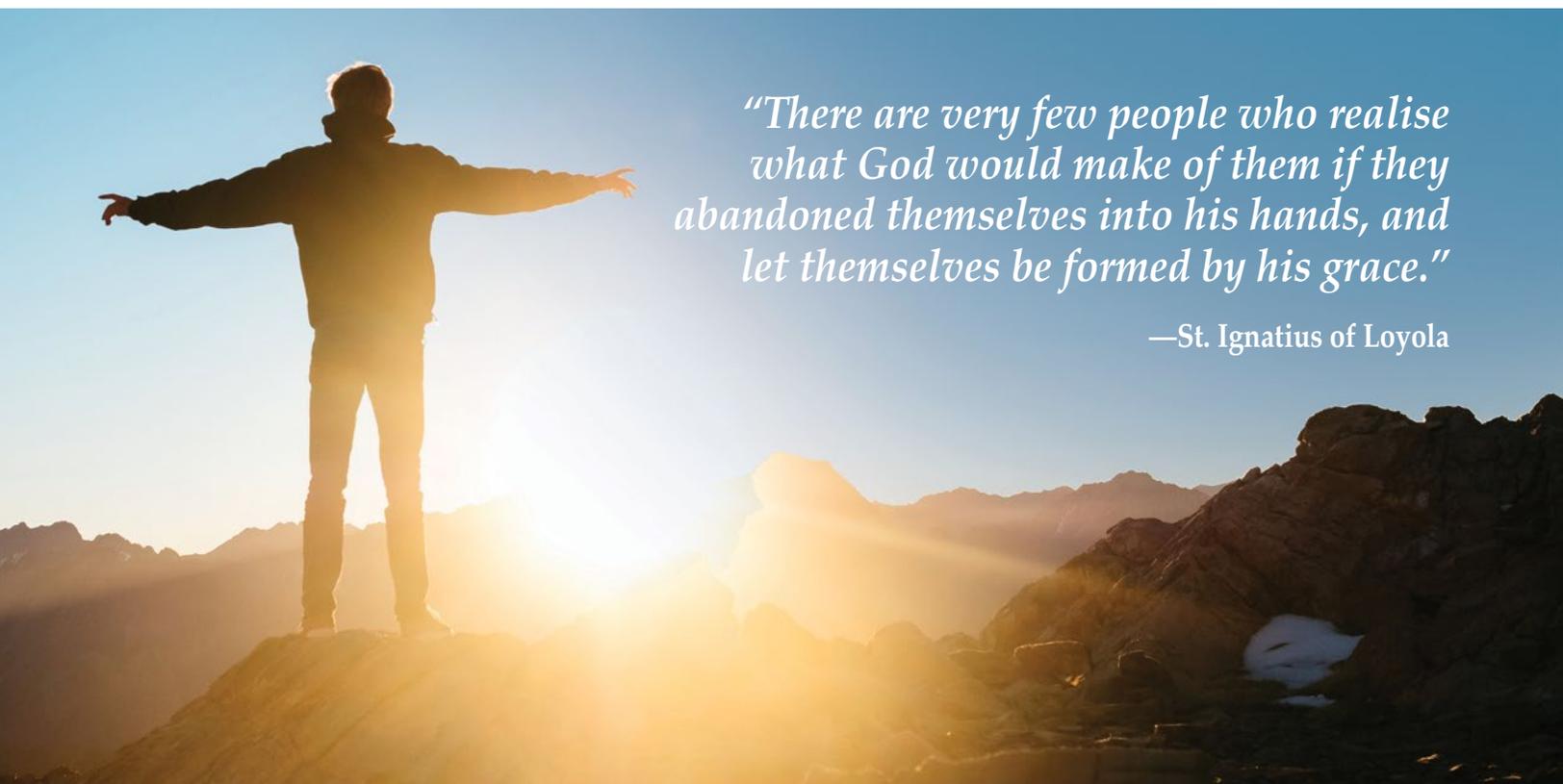
Called to Serve

By the Fall of 2020, I was more confident of my call to the priesthood. Even so, I decided to pray a novena to St. Therese for the confirmation of my call to diocesan priesthood. On the fifth day of the novena, I went to adoration and sat in the same seat I sit in every day. When I looked down, I saw two red flower petals, and this, for me, sealed the deal. After several months of discerning to which diocese I was called, the Lord led me to my home Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I am excited to be able to give others the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of Christ specially through the Eucharist and the sacrament of confession.

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: Josh@rescue vocations.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.

MacLean Andrews
Society of Jesus
(Jesuits West)

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

Rebecca Goldberger
Apostles of the Sacred
Heart of Jesus

Nick Alescio
Diocese of Trenton

Richard Gaunt
Order of Friars Minor
(Franciscan Friars)

Julian Salas
Secular Institute of
Schoenstatt Fathers

Luis Rodarte
Diocese of El Paso

Devin Ray
St. Bernard Abbey

Ari Lima
Archdiocese of Miami

David Torres
Archdiocese of Miami

Morgan Murray
Religious Sisters
of Mercy of Alma,
Michigan

Joseph Silver
Benedictine Monks
of Our Lady of Clear
Creek Abbey

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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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
- As a class of 20-25 aspirants raise funds collectively and receive awards from those funds to be applied to their debt

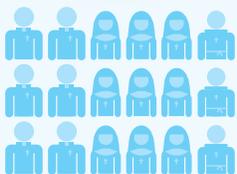
THE LABOURÉ SOCIETY



- 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

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.