



This is my Vocation Story



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My name is Jacob Lozano. I am called to serve with Canon Regulars of the Immaculate Conception. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I grew up in a deeply rooted Catholic family where God and our love of the faith was at the forefront of each of our lives. My mom's faith impacted me deeply and both she and my father instilled in me a conviction of the importance of always giving thanks to God. Growing up my interests included spending time outdoors, visiting family and friends, and going on retreats.

My Faith

I attended Mass regularly with my family throughout childhood and continued to do so as an adult. Throughout that time, I served as an altar server, which helped plant the seeds of my vocation. Two other factors that greatly influenced my faith during high school and beyond were my involvement in the Spiritual Renewal Catholic Convention (SCRC), and my relationship with my aunt who is a Franciscan nun. While at adoration with SCRC, I offered myself to the Lord to do with me whatever He wills, and in that moment, I felt a yearning in my heart to discern my vocation. My aunt was a consistent source of spiritual support for my whole family. I always saw in her eyes a love and peace that I desired in my life as well.

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My Vocation

During college, I continued to practice my faith, serving as lector, Eucharistic Minister, and an Extraordinary Minister to the sick and homebound. At this time, people would often ask both my parents and me if I had ever considered being a priest. Though the seed of a religious vocation had been planted earlier in life



I hesitated. I spent some time after completing college pursuing materialistic things instead of seriously considering my vocation. I still attended Mass regularly and it was there, particularly during the consecration of the Eucharist that I felt the awe and peace that allowed that seed of a religious vocation to grow once again.

Called to Serve

It was through SCRC that I met my spiritual director, who is a part of a religious community called the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception. Once I graduated college, I started going to their formation house regularly to participate in their vespers, holy hour, and prayer life. I was moved by their love of Christ and devotion to the Blessed Mother, and it was there that I found the Lord calling me to help tend to His flock who are in need of so much prayer and support. The Canons faithfully maintain the ideal of St. Augustine and the traditions of that of the founder, Dom Adrien Grea. They live an apostolic life in common, work in parish ministry, and foster love of Sacred Liturgy. I look forward to fully joining them in their life and mission of service to God through the Church.

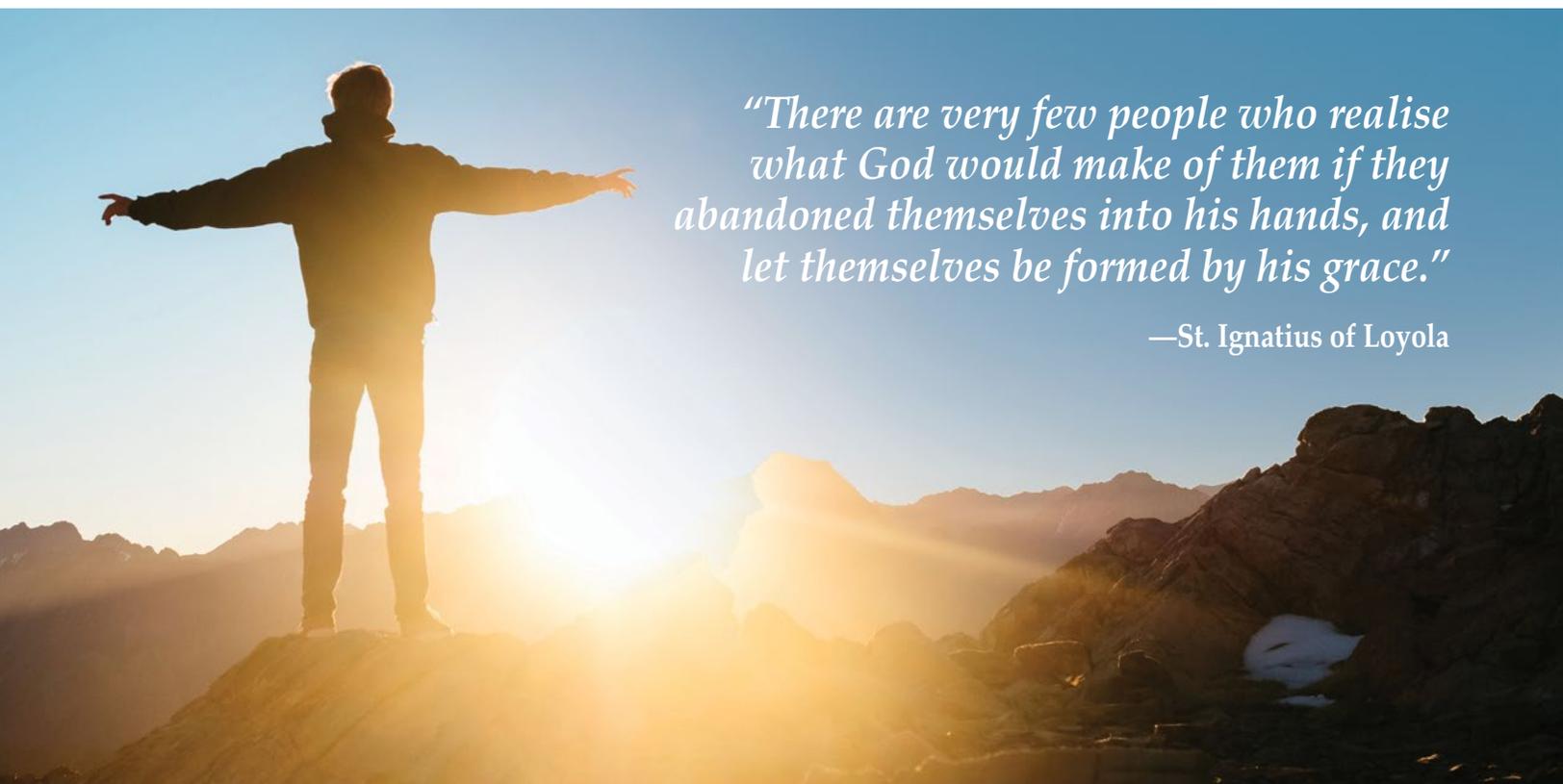
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Prayer & Invitation

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: Jacob@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.

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

LABOURÉ[®]
HELP RESCUE VOCATIONS[™]

Why is Labouré Needed?



10,000
Individuals discerning a priestly or religious vocation in the US annually*



42%
Are blocked from pursuing this call due to education loans*



\$60,000
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

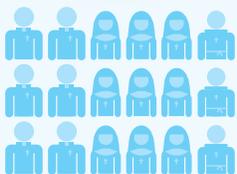
THE LABOURE SOCIETY



- 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.