



This is my Vocation Story



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My name is Luis Cano. I am called to serve Christ and His Church as a Jesuit. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I was raised in a large Catholic family, with twelve brothers and sisters. My mother played a very important role in my faith. She would take me to Mass every Sunday and would always encourage me to attend the activities organized by my local church. Since I was a kid, I have always felt welcomed in the Catholic Church and wanted to do something for it in return.

As a youth, I felt the call to religious life and wanted to go to the seminary. I loved going to Mass, vespers, the catechism, and I always felt part of the Church. Additionally, I would pray the rosary almost every day at home with my mother and siblings. Though my relationship with God was very good, I still struggled with not feeling holy enough to serve Him.

After middle school, I moved to Guadalajara, Mexico to go to high school and college. During that time, the kind of life I was living was not in accordance with Catholic values. I felt guilty about that and stopped going to Mass and praying the rosary, though I did still pray on my own.

At age 24, I moved to California and changed careers. I started working for the Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento, serving Mexican people that reside in Northern California. This job made me realize that serving and supporting others along their journeys is my passion.

While I was visiting my niece, she invited me to go to Mass. I was reluctant, but decided to go. Words cannot describe what I felt that day. It was an invitation to return to my faith and to repent. I experienced great consolation and hope as I felt God calling me back and offering me forgiveness. I felt that I was home again.

After that day, I continued attending Mass. I moved to a new place in Los Angeles, which turned out to be one block away from a church, so I started going to Mass every Sunday. Once the church started offering daily mass, I started going to Mass almost every day. This was a time of growing and deepening my faith life.

*“I desire to join
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contemplative in action
and to spread the word
of God.”*

—Luis Cano



“My faith in God has been my biggest strength and what moves me in this journey.”

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My Vocation

On day, in confession, I told the priest that when I was younger I wanted to be a priest, but now I believed I was too old for that. The priest told me that it is never too late. That really resonated with me and helped me to be open to considering religious life. After months of attending Mass almost every day and being involved with my local parish, I started feeling the call again and the thought of joining religious life came more and more frequently. In response, I sought advice and counsel from seminarians, a priest, and a friend who was a Benedictine monk, about their experience and the process of discernment. After more discernment, I felt called to contact the Jesuits.

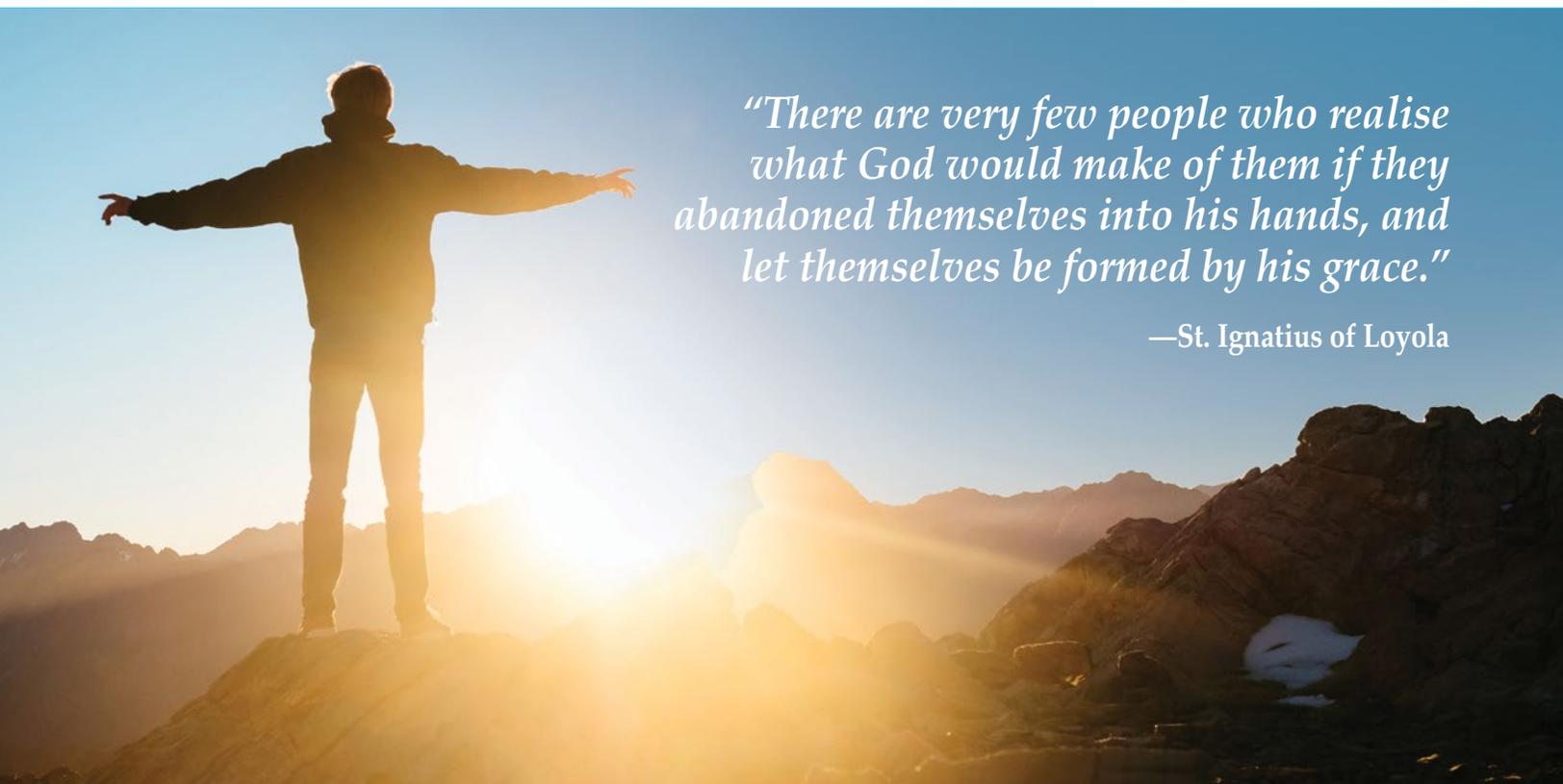
Called to Serve

I feel called to join the Jesuits because I went through a conversion similar to the conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The work that the Jesuits do with the poor and excluded resonates with me, and I want to serve those communities to help them find hope and grace in Christ, through the spiritual exercises and spiritual direction. I desire to join the Jesuits to be a contemplative in action and to serve wherever I am called.

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: LuisC@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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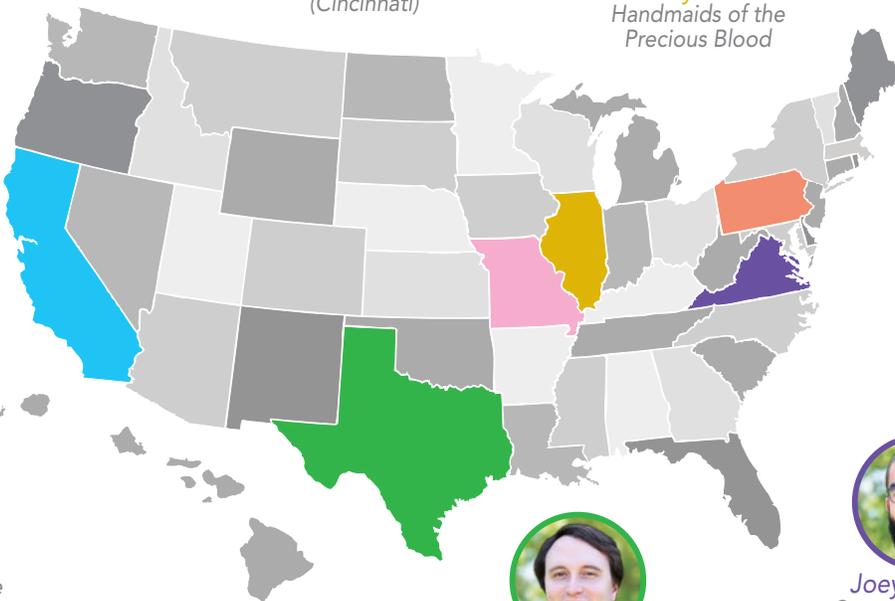
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Tyler Wisniewski
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Pittsburgh



Aloni Bonilla
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Baptist



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Christ the King
Sovereign Priest



Jacob Lozano
Canons Regular of the
Immaculate Conception



Brendan Devine
Diocese of
Fréjus-Toulon
(France)



Joey Dumais
Community of the
Franciscan Friars
of the Renewal (CFRs)

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?



The average amount of educational loans blocking aspirants in Labouré from answering God's call*



Many religious communities cannot afford to assume their aspirants' loan debts



Most dioceses will allow some debt but have a limited threshold for acceptance



Supported by 50+ bishops & 150+ religious communities to help deliver their aspirants debt-free

How does the Mission Work?

OUR ASPIRANTS

Are discerning a vocation and have been selected 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, 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 upon joining the program

Trains each aspirant in Catholic-based philanthropy

Mentors each aspirant to build a unified class; each individual works toward the collective goal

Accompanies each aspirant through ongoing accountability and guidance to ensure successful completion of individual and class fundraising plans

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?

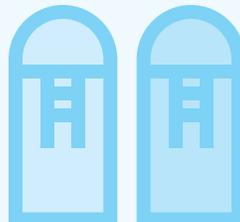
380+



Assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life

SEPARATE FUNDING SOURCES

100% of aspirant-raised funds go to the direct benefit of aspirants in the program



Labouré Staff raise separate funding for overhead and general operation expenses

One organization - two separate silos of funds. Labouré supports vocations at no cost to the aspirant or their institution.

\$11.5 MILLION



Raised by Labouré aspirants since 2003

*According to 2022 Forbes Magazine, the national average education loan debt can be as high as \$40k. For aspirants in the Labouré program the average debt is \$60k-80k. 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.