



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.

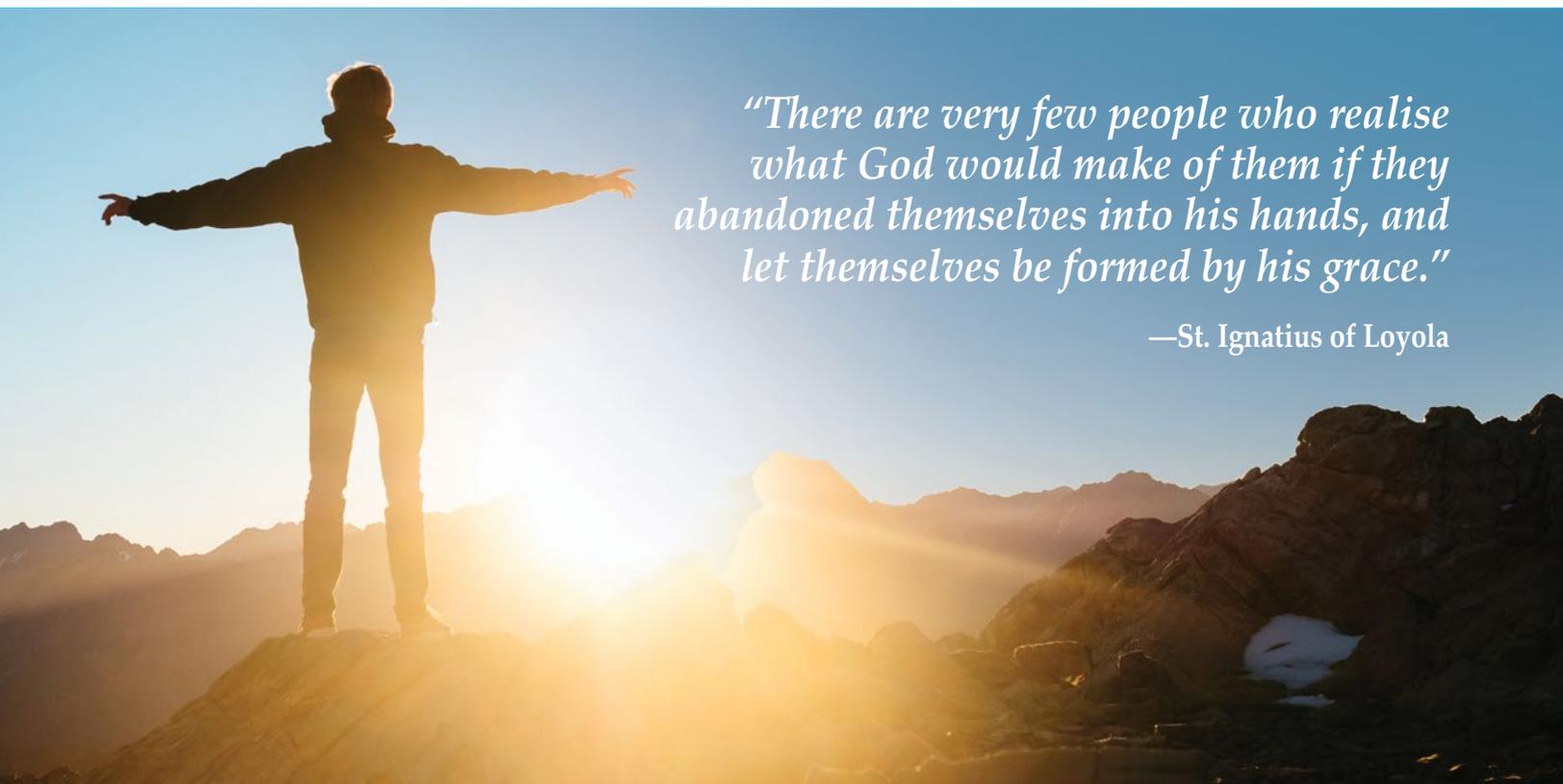
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Prayer & Invitation

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.



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(Jesuits)



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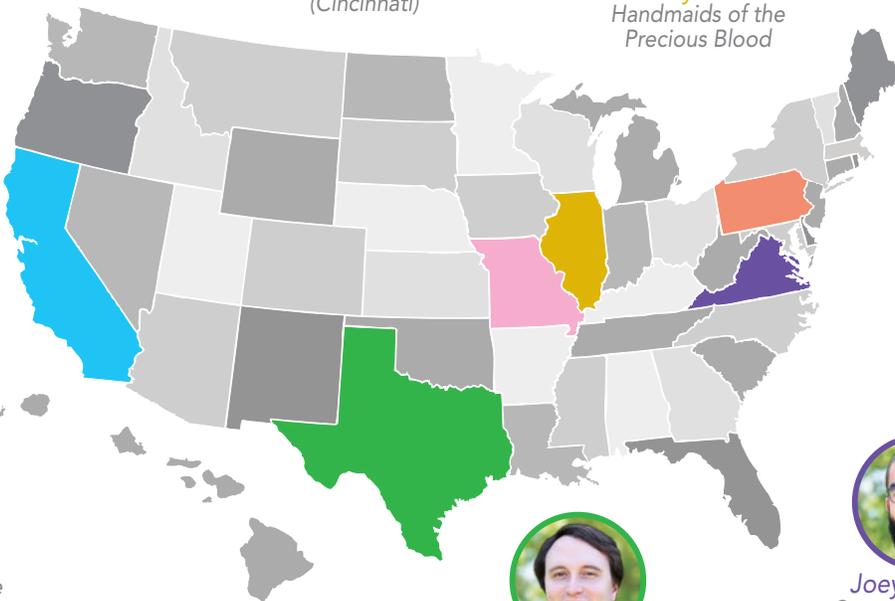
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Baptist



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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?

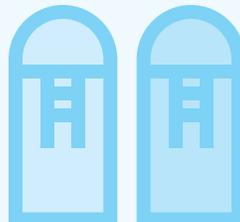
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Assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life

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.