



Will you join my Vocation Journey?

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My name is David Georgeanni. I am discerning a call to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Diocese of Trenton. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I grew up in a devout Catholic family and the Faith was important to me. Yet I was driven by ambition and had my whole life planned out: I was going to earn lots of money and have a family. During high school, I fell under some negative influences and wound up turning to alcohol. In college, though I continued drinking, God led me to the Newman Catholic Community and my faith grew immensely.

The Call

When my addiction to alcohol caused me to hit rock bottom, I sought healing from a rehab program. There, a priest came in to hear confessions. Following confession, the priest asked if I had ever considered seminary. I was surprised, and the seed of a vocation was planted.

After college, my career plans were derailed when I was denied a needed security clearance. Everything I had worked so hard to achieve came crashing down. Yet instead of being devastated, I felt at peace, and asked God what He wanted. Around that time, my diocese had a "Called by Name" initiative which encouraged people to send in the names of those who may have a calling to the priesthood. I received a letter that someone had submitted my name, followed up with the diocese and began spiritual direction.

Clarity about the Lord's call came a while later. In conversation with God, I admitted my fears that perhaps my desire to be a priest was just another manifestation of my ambition. In a moment of clarity, I realized those doubts weren't true or of God. Reassured by Him, I desire to give my life entirely to God to use as He sees fit.

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An Invitation

As I follow God's calling to the priesthood, I seek others to accompany me on this journey. May we meet so that I can share more? Until then, please keep me and my classmates in prayer, and feel free to reach out to me at David.Georgeanni@rescuevocations.org.

Why is Labouré Needed?



Escalating education costs block many aspiring priests and religious from answering God's call.



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



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



Rising formation costs often limit missionary activities and care of aging priests and religious.

How does the Mission Work?

OUR ASPIRANTS

Are discerning a vocation and have been selected into a diocese / eparchy or religious institute

Are blocked from entering or continuing vocational formation due to student loans and/or formation expenses

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 benefactors, 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 educational debt

THE LABOURÉ 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?

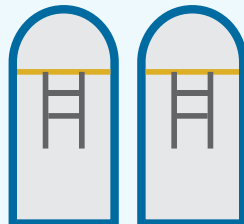
350+ INSTITUTIONS



Supported by 350+ religious institutions & 80+ bishops to help deliver their aspirants debt-free.

SEPARATE FUNDING SOURCES

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



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

Labouré Staff raise separate funding for overhead and general operation expenses.

\$15+ MILLION



Raised by 480 Labouré aspirants assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life 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 \$80k-100k. 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 Aspirant needs.