



This is my Vocation Story

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My name is Dan Rochester. I am called to spread the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ in all spheres of human life and society as a priest with the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I grew up as one of five children in a faithful, Catholic family. We went to Holy Mass every Sunday and would occasionally pray the Rosary together. After receiving my First Communion, I was eager to become an altar server. I began to do so right away. I loved altar serving and the way that it allowed me to participate more fully in the Mass and draw closer to the sacrifice of the altar, while offering myself as well. My faith was fed by Mass, in particular by serving at Mass. I had a fairly active prayer life, especially for an early teen, taking time to pray daily and sometimes throughout the day.

My Vocation

I thought about becoming a priest as early as second grade, and when I was fourteen, I joyfully shared with my parents that I wanted to be a diocesan priest. They rejoiced with me in my decision but also gave me freedom to continue to discern.

Later in high school, my prayer life diminished, and with it so did all thoughts of the priesthood. I still attended Mass every Sunday, altar served, and participated in our parish youth group, but I didn't practice my faith in a personal way in my daily life. The call to priesthood never disappeared, but it would take some time for me to seriously consider it again.

When I began college, I was moved to go to confession for the first time in three years. After returning to this beautiful sacrament, my faith life was refreshed and rejuvenated. I got involved in campus ministry and began investing in friendships with fellow students who wanted to grow in virtue.

“I discovered a love for the community life amongst the canons, and I very much look forward to joining my life with theirs.”

—Dan Rochester



As my faith revived during college, so did my interest in the priesthood. I began spiritual direction with a wonderful priest and started attending a monthly vocational discernment group. Though I still felt called to priesthood, I was now drawn more to religious life rather than diocesan priesthood. I began attending Traditional Latin Mass and was introduced to the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest (ICKSP). After doing some research, I signed up for a five-day visit. I loved every minute of my visit, and left excited and knowing I wanted to apply.

Called to Serve

From my very first visit, the ICKSP felt like home. I was moved by their devotion to Our Lady, community life, and grounding in the beautiful traditions of the Church. With great joy, I applied and have been accepted into the ICKSP's candidacy program. I greatly look forward to joining my life with theirs and serving the Church as a canon of the Institute.

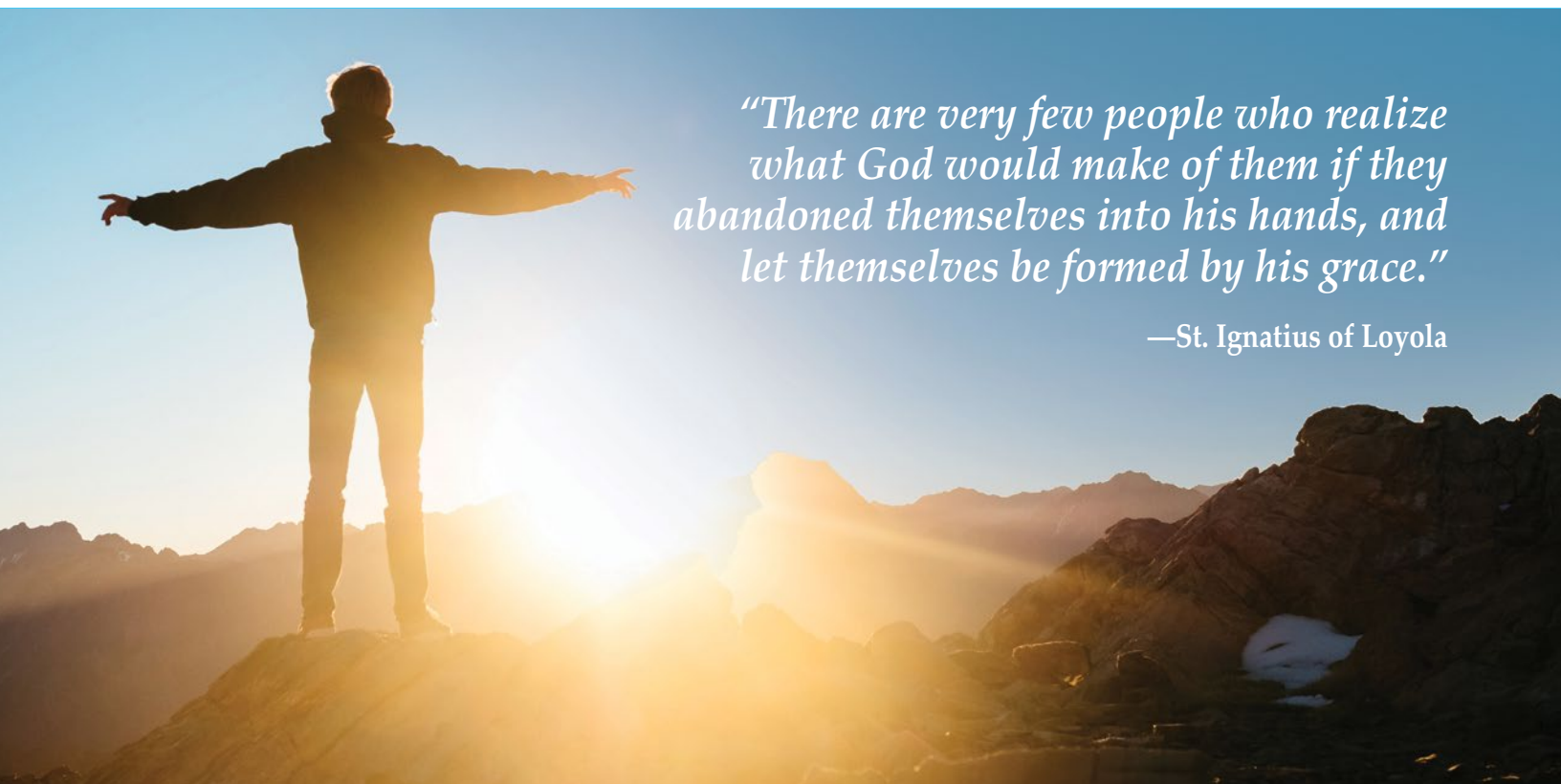
“Immediately upon [visiting the Institute], I really felt home, at peace. It was as if I was being pulled closer towards them.”

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Prayer & Invitation

Please pray for me and for my fellow Labouré classmates on our vocation journeys.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you might have at: DanRochester@rescuevocations.org.



“There are very few people who realize 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

This means that I am a fundraiser for a class of aspiring priests, sisters and brothers. A recent study confirmed that nearly one out of every two 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 nation.

Lizzie Kenkel
Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln

John Solheid
Congregation of St. Basil

Alexandra Buchmayer
Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery

Katie Power
Discalced Carmelites of St. Therese of Lisieux

Michael Horka
Capuchin Franciscans of the Province of St. Joseph

Antonio La Barbera
Diocese of Lubbock

Amanda Tennyson
Discalced Carmelites of Our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph

Noah Marangoni
Diocese of Erie

Kiana Nava
Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles

David Georgeanni
Diocese of Trenton

Brandon Yurcisin
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Jake Smith
Archdiocese of Denver

Latonja Taylor
Poor Clares of Clarisse Monastero S. Maria Del Paradiso in S. Leonardo

Tony Ramirez
Norbertine Fathers of Saint Michael's Abbey

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Marie Arnold
Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará

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 via The Labouré Society, a Catholic non-profit that helps aspirants like me to answer God's call.

Every aspirant is in serious discernment with a diocese or community and is required to work to liquidate his/her assets in order to make his/her 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 that we can answer God's call together!

Our class video, once available, may be viewed online at www.rescue vocations.org. **LABOURÉ®** HELP RESCUE VOCATIONS®

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 80+ bishops & 250+ religious institutions 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?

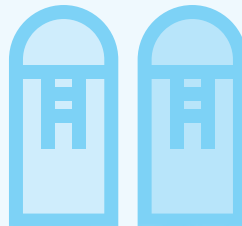
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Assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life

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.

\$12 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.