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# This is my Vocation Story



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*My name is Noah Marangoni. I am called to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Diocese of Erie. This is my story.*

## In the Beginning

I grew up in a Catholic family of eight in the suburbs of Pittsburgh. We attended Catholic schools, Mass on Sundays, prayed before meals, and my Dad led prayer at night before we fell asleep. However, this faded over time. I woke up one day to find that only my Dad, little sister, and I still clung to the Catholic faith. Then the day came when no one went to Sunday Mass. Nothing hurt quite like the day my sister told me that she no longer believed in God, and that she wanted to give back a rosary that my friend had made for her. I was desperately trying to cling to a faith that I felt was slipping through my fingers. To numb my pain, I focused on pointless tech distractions.

Everything changed when I went to college and I had the freedom to practice my faith fully. I loved studying theology, praying the rosary regularly and attending Mass and Eucharistic adoration daily. I became deeply involved in the campus ministry faith-sharing community, bible studies, retreats, choir, service trips, and liturgy planning meetings. I was a sacristan, an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and the primary lector for daily Mass. God was truly helping me grow into a life in Him.

*“It is through prayer before the Blessed Sacrament that I understood a personal relationship with God.”*

—Noah Marangoni

## My Vocation

I first considered the priesthood in high school, but was spiritually immature and consumed with self-doubt, so dismissed the possibility. As I grew, I realized I am in the world, but not of it, and began to disconnect from tech distractions like social media, instead being drawn to authentic human connection. In my senior year of college, I was overwhelmed with a longing to join religious life.

Through conversation with friends and my spiritual director, a fire for the diocesan priesthood was set ablaze in my heart. Yet I needed to discern whether God might be calling me to serve the diocese in which I grew up as a child, or the diocese in which my faith had so grown as a young adult. After much prayer and discernment, I



*"I long to give my life entirely to God in whatever way he is calling me."*

—Noah Marangoni

applied to St. Mark's Seminary in Erie. As I've made progress in the application process, I have felt evermore peace and confidence in this calling.

## Called to Serve

I first encountered the community, priests, and seminarians of the Diocese of Erie when I attended university. Over the past five years, I have come to know them better, and have been drawn in by their beautiful faith. I desire to serve the diocese that has so deeply served me, to bring the Gospel to people, and people to Jesus Christ.

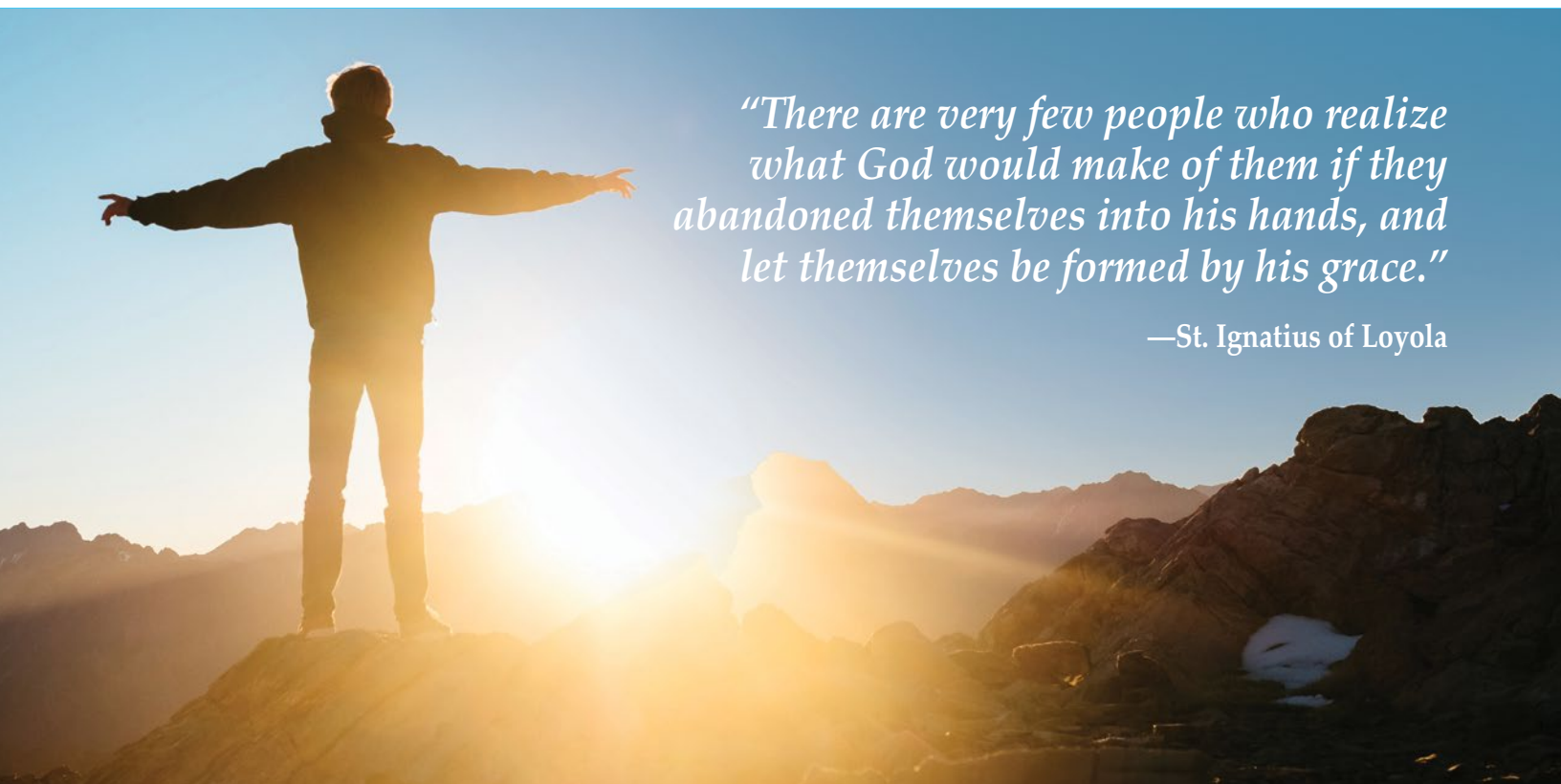
I want to administer the Sacraments, and to bring God's unfathomable love and grace to everyone. I long to hear confessions and give absolution, to provide spiritual direction, to baptize children and adults, and, above all, to pray the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I ache to give my life to God in every way that He is calling me to, including in myriad ways I may not yet have even considered.

In contemplating Heaven, I desperately wish to bring as many people as I can to God. Like a shepherd, I long to bring a great flock to the good pastures that know no suffering, no pain, and no want, but only that eternal fulfillment with our Triune God, Father, Son, and Spirit.

## 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: [NoahM@rescuevocations.org](mailto:NoahM@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**  
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Diocese  
of Lubbock



**Amanda Tennyson**  
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of Our Mother of Mercy  
and St. Joseph



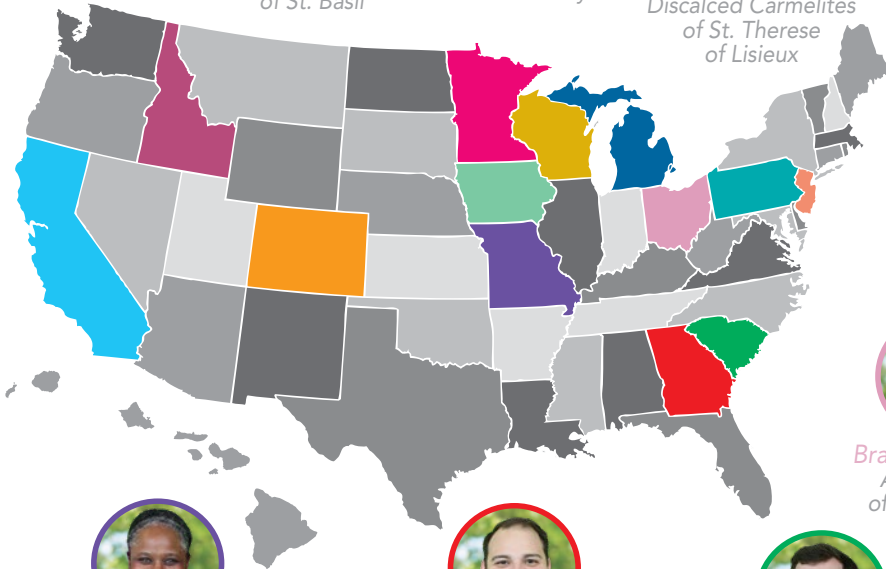
**Noah Marangoni**  
Diocese  
of Erie



**Kiana Nava**  
Benedictines of Mary,  
Queen of Apostles



**David Georgeanni**  
Diocese  
of Trenton



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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



**Dan Rochester**  
Institute of Christ the  
King Sovereign Priest



**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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?

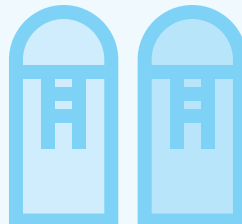
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Assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life

## SEPARATE FUNDING SOURCES

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



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

\$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.