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This is my Vocation Story

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My name is Josué Limon. I am called to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Diocese of Tucson. This is my story.

In the Beginning

Growing up in Southern California to Mexican immigrants, faith was a constant in our household. My parents prioritized sending my brother and me to Catholic school, despite the financial sacrifices involved. We attended Mass every Sunday and adhered to the practices of our faith. As a young boy, I thought about the possibility of becoming a priest.

As I grew, though, those thoughts were replaced by typical boyhood dreams of becoming a sports star. In college and after, I turned away from my faith and immersed myself in practicing family-based immigration law. Despite my achievements, I felt a growing sense of emptiness with a life of work and superficial fulfillment.

*“Never stop praying;
prayer is the fuel
to miracles.”*

—Josué Limon

My Vocation

After years of drifting, a significant turning point came with the birth of my niece, Lyra. My sister-in-law's pregnancy was fraught with complications, and their beloved little one was nearly lost. Though I hadn't prayed in years, I found myself praying fervently for the baby's safety. Her safe arrival felt like Divine intervention, compelling me to return to the Church. I enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This decision marked the beginning of a profound spiritual journey. In RCIA, I reconnected with the teachings and traditions of the Church, finding new meaning in the Faith I had previously dismissed.

After a year of discernment and service, I felt a strong pull towards young adult ministry and continued adult faith formation. My experiences with RCIA and a young adult group during the pandemic revealed the profound impact of these ministries. Helping others navigate their faith journeys, and seeing their transformations, inspired me to pursue a path where I could make a lasting difference.



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and determination
to serve God and my
community with all
my heart.”*

—Josué Limon

A pivotal moment in my journey came when I received a letter from my old high school principal, who was a priest. He asked if I had ever considered the priesthood, and reminded me never to forget my faith. Though I received this sealed letter over 20 years after it had been written, it was like a Divine call urging me to explore the priesthood, a vocation that I hadn't considered since I was a young boy.

Called to Serve

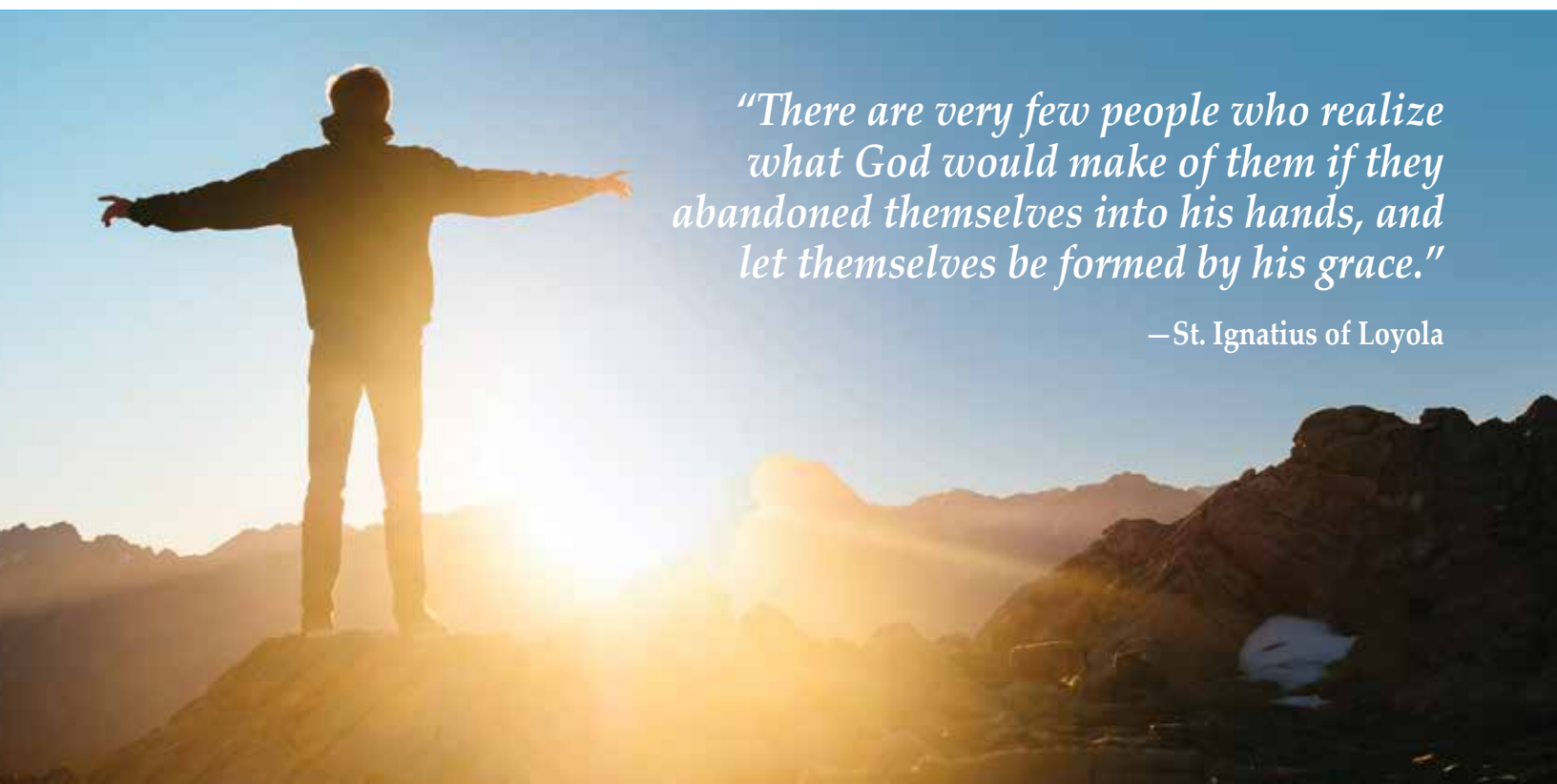
During a year as a field agent in the Knights of Columbus organization, I travelled throughout the Diocese of Tucson. My territory was predominantly Hispanic. Every time I entered a home, I felt I was with family. I began to become deeply aware of the yearning that this community has for more Hispanic priests.

I am drawn to both adult and youth formation. RCIA has been one of the most amazing ministries in which I have served. The Diocese's ministry to migrants and support for low-income communities resonate deeply with me, further solidifying my desire to serve the poorest of our brothers and sisters as a priest. As I look to the future, I am filled with hope and determination to fulfill my vocation, serving God and my community with all my heart.

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:
Josue@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. Many discerners are blocked from entering seminary and religious communities due to student loan debt. It is the only thing that prevents them from formation to become a priest, sister or brother. My classmates are discerning all over the nation.



Christian Rickert
Dominican Friars
(Province of St. Albert the Great)



John Solheid
Congregation
of St. Basil



Tyler Martensen
Order of
Friars Minor
(Franciscan Friars)



**Alexandra
Buchlmayer**
Passionist Nuns
of St. Joseph
Monastery



Antonio La Barbera
Diocese
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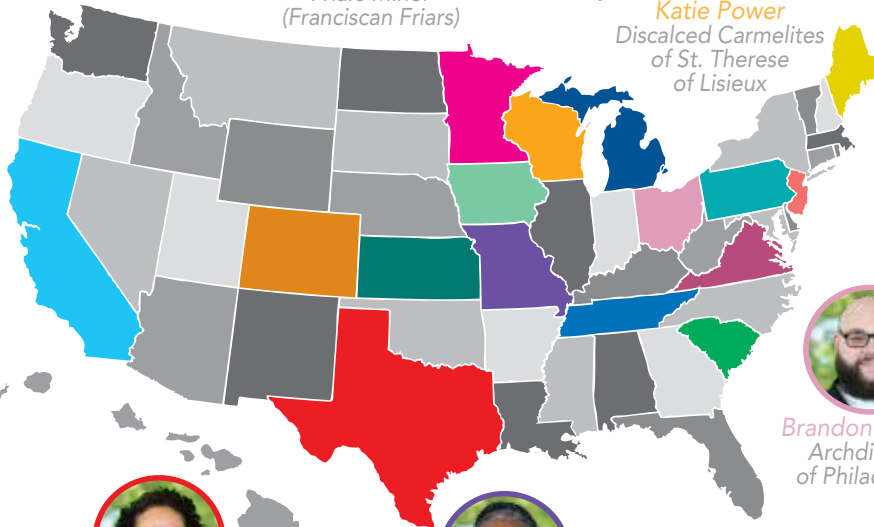
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Diocese of Memphis



Marie Arnold
Servants of the Lord
and the
Virgin of Matará



Joe McIntire
Archdiocese of San
Francisco



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 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?



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 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 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 educational debt



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?

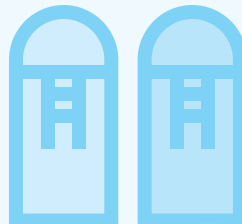
400+



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

\$13 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.