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This is my Vocation Story

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My name is Joe McIntire. I am called to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This is my story.

In the Beginning

One of my earliest memories is of my grandparents giving me a crucifix. I was completely enamored by the image of Our Lord on the cross. As a young child, I loved the beauty of the Mass, and the kindness and reverence of the priests.

My parents did not have the same devotion to the Church. When my family moved to San Francisco, we stopped attending Mass, and I lost my early love of the Church. While I was in high school, my parents divorced. I became angry at the world, and deeply insecure about my own worth. Embracing atheism, I believed that "science" held the only truths worth knowing, and that I had no need for God.

"Do not let your worries overtake you: let Jesus into your heart and He will do everything and more!"

—Joe McIntire

My Vocation

In college, I met Ben. He was intelligent, successful, full of joy -- and Catholic. I envied him, and we spent long hours arguing about philosophy. I began to see how unstable my own view of the world was, while Ben's was logical, consistent, and could be defended by reason.

One day, Ben pointed out that I didn't live what I claimed to believe. If I really thought nothing had meaning, then what is the point of life? I shot back that if Ben truly believed in God, he wouldn't sin against his creator. Ben replied, "That's the point!" He acknowledged his sins, but said the Catholic faith is trusting oneself to God in spite of them. The only people who had perfect faith and didn't sin became the two key figures in Western civilization: Jesus and Mary!

This was a huge turning point for me, and the Holy Spirit rushed in. I felt hope! The Catholic Church offered a coherent explanation for humanity's sorry condition and lack of belief, but also a purpose and reason to live and love life. Guided by the Holy Spirit, I began learning about the Catholic faith, and eventually returned to



“The greatest help we can give to another is prayer; it allows Jesus to act through us on them.”

—Joe McIntire

Mass and Confession. I then began visiting Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. After years of despair and pain, I finally had an answer to life's problems, and a relationship of love with my Creator; and with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

One night, listening to music, a hymn played that I hadn't heard since childhood. Somehow, that moment of nostalgia united my present faith to my faith as a child. I remembered the reverence and service of the priests in my youth, and I realized that I wanted nothing more than to know Jesus and to bring Him to others as a priest.

Called to Serve


As a diocesan priest, I want to help people meet and get to know Jesus personally; to help them understand that Jesus loves them infinitely. I am excited to bring that love of Christ to others as a priest through teaching, ministry, and the Sacraments.

Much of the world around us is very much the Wild West: it is secular, materialistic, even openly hostile to God. So many people are desperately seeking love and meaning, often in the bleakest places. I want them to know that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves them, and that they are worth so much more than they could possibly imagine in His eyes. We were lost but now we are found, all through His inexplicable and wonderful love!

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: JoeM@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.



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Dominican Friars
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John Solheid
Congregation
of St. Basil



Tyler Martensen
Order of
Friars Minor
(Franciscan Friars)



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Buchlmayer**
Passionist Nuns
of St. Joseph
Monastery



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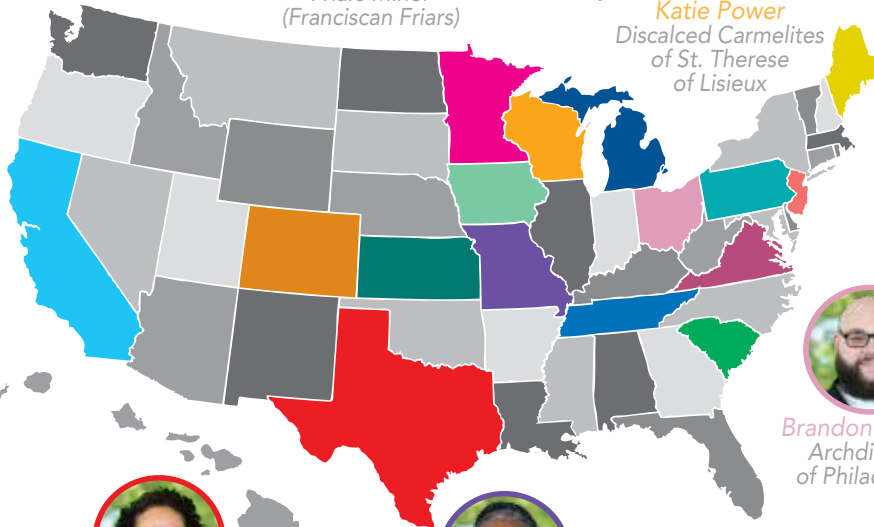
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Diocese of Memphis



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?

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 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

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?

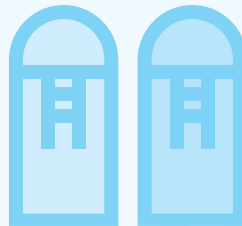
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Assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life

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.

\$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.