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# This is my Vocation Story

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*My name is Hannah Lifka. I am called to make the merciful love of Christ visible as a Sister of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. This is my story.*

## In the Beginning

I was born in China and adopted at the age of two into a loving family in the U.S. From early on, I learned about God and the importance of our faith from the example of my parents. They have a beautiful marriage that fostered an environment in which I always felt loved and safe, providing a stable foundation for me to grow. My father is one of the strongest people I know; he taught me about God the Father through his example of love and sacrifice. My mother's example of joy and love taught me how to open my heart to service. Our relationship with God was always a top priority for my parents.

As I learned more about my faith, I realized the deep love of our Lord -- so much that He makes Himself small and vulnerable in the Eucharist. Our Catholic faith became an even greater part of the family once my mom converted to Catholicism and was received into the Church. One of the religious sisters at our parish led RCIA, and we began to spend a lot of time with her and her community after my mom became Catholic. I also participated in weekly catechesis classes taught by the sisters. It was through our relationship with them that my heart began to open to the possibility of religious life.

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## My Vocation

From a young age, the seeds of a religious life were planted, and the possibility remained in my mind as I grew. During my senior year of high school, I considered following a call to religious life immediately after graduation, but the time wasn't right, as I needed to mature before I could seriously discern.

Throughout my college years, I went on missions trips and served at summer camps with a few different religious communities. I experienced an interior freedom as my heart was being conformed to Christ's own



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Sacred Heart through prayer, community and service. I realized that I was practicing spiritual motherhood, which provided me great joy and peace!

## Called to Serve

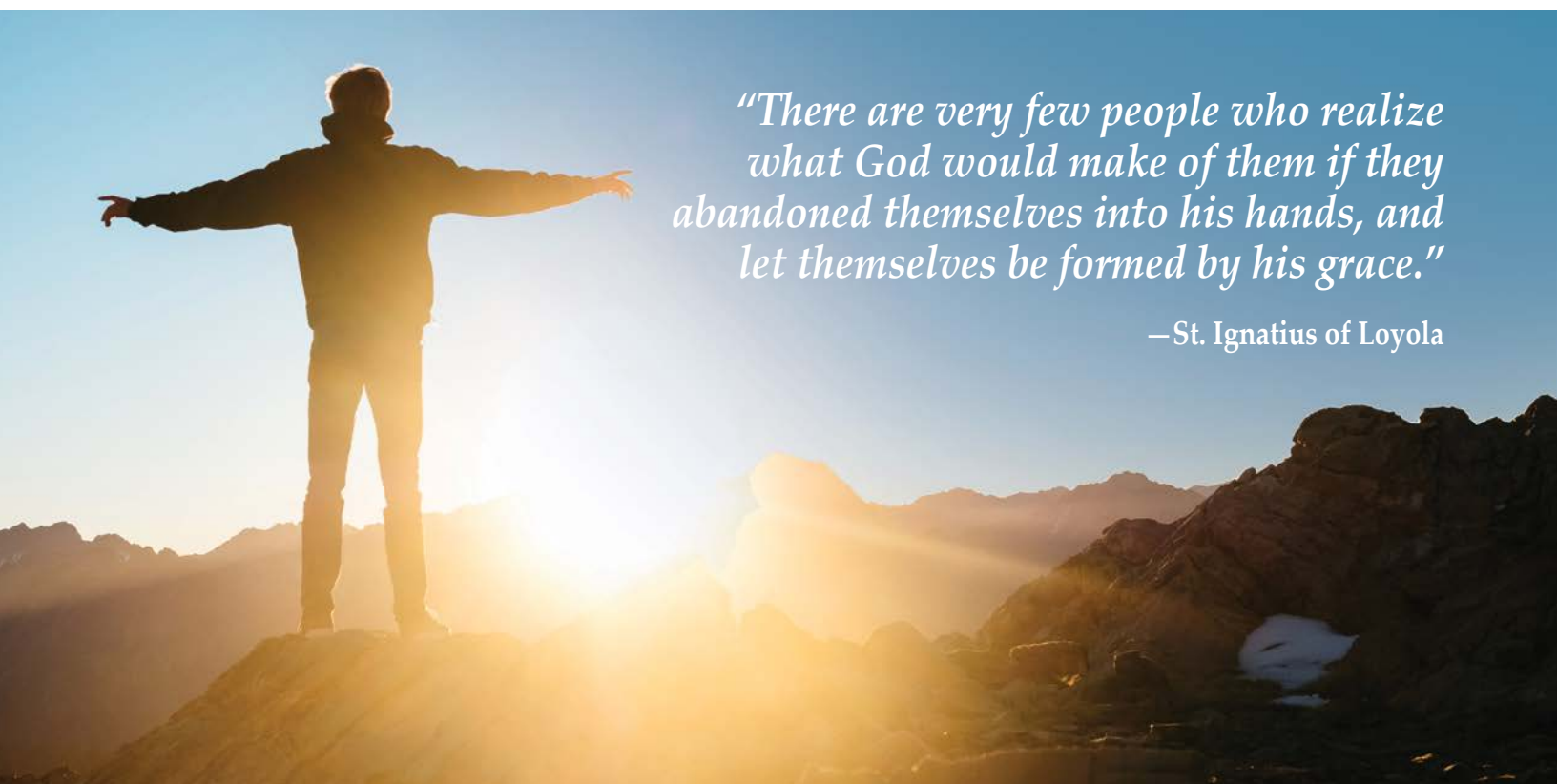
The Sisters of Saint Francis of the Martyr Saint George (FSGM) seek to make the merciful love of Christ visible. They serve in the areas of healthcare; education; support for bishops, priests and seminarians; and bringing the needs of the Church and world to the Lord in prayer during Eucharistic Adoration.

I desire to join the FSGM in their mission, and in doing so respond to Jesus's continued call to my heart to be His bride.

## 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: [HannahLifka@rescuevocations.org](mailto:HannahLifka@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.



**Stephen Ferrazzano**  
Diocese  
of Winona-Rochester



**Tyler Martensen**  
Order of  
Friars Minor  
(Franciscan Friars)



**Madeleine McIlheran**  
Discalced Carmelite  
Nuns, Monastery of  
the Holy Cross



**Becky Hall**  
Sister Servants of the  
Most Sacred Heart  
of Jesus



**Tess Austin**  
Daughters of Mary  
Help of Christians -  
Salesian Sisters of  
St. John Bosco



**Justin Hollingshead**  
Diocese  
of Albany



**Cristal Quinones**  
Dominican Sisters of  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary of Fatima



**Joe McIntire**  
Archdiocese  
of San Francisco



**Steven Webster**  
Our Lady of the  
Holy Spirit Monastery  
(Trappists)



**Hannah Lifka**  
Sisters of St. Francis  
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**Jake Smith**  
Archdiocese  
of Denver



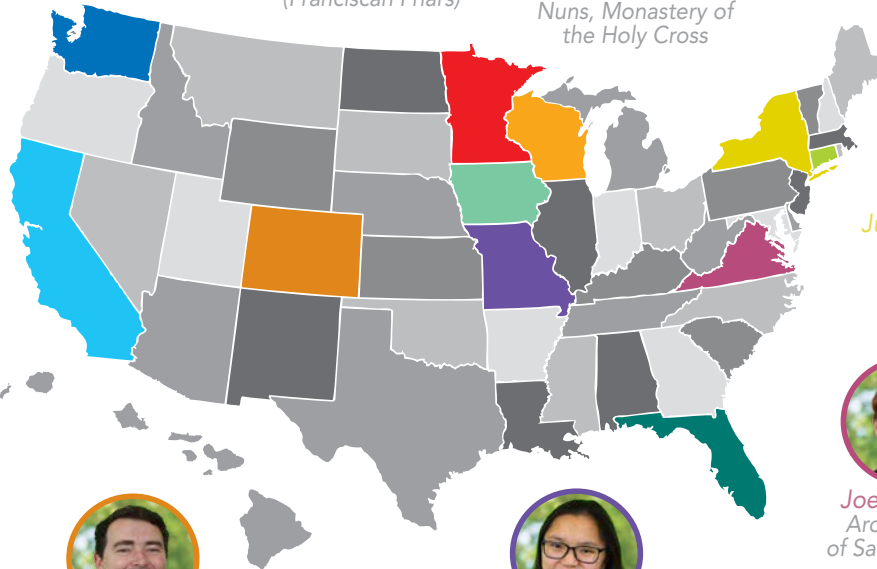
**Aislinn Torrance**  
Sister Servants  
of the Most Sacred  
Heart of Jesus



**Rosemary Bravo**  
Sister Servants of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**Clayton Wise**  
Archdiocese  
of Seattle



## With your help, we will rebuild the Church!

*My goal is to raise \$60,000 (the average student loan amount) during this current six-month class of 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 & 350+ 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?

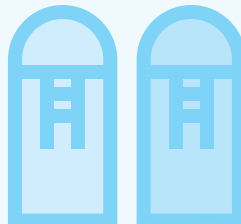
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Assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life

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

\$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.