

Will you join my Vocation Journey?



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My name is Gavin Haut. I am discerning a call to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Diocese of Fargo. This is my story.

In the Beginning

Growing up in Jamestown, North Dakota, my childhood was filled with energy: sports, duck hunting, and more. Though my family wasn't devout, my brother and I received the Sacraments. By the time I reached high school, I could feel the Lord seeking me, and I took myself to Mass every Sunday to meet Him.

The Call

I attended parish youth group activities and joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at school. All the while, I could sense it: the priesthood was calling. Yet I felt anxious about following a non-typical path.

The summer before starting college, I was in Eucharistic Adoration and prayed that if God wanted me to be a priest, I would follow Him to the seminary. That seemed to be His desire.

I decided to accept a running scholarship to college first, though. Seminary could surely wait a year, I thought. While at college, I met a Catholic woman and began a relationship with her that would last two years.

Yet the Holy Spirit refused to give up on me. As the relationship progressed, I felt the Spirit tugging at my heart to return to my true calling. I ended the relationship, and despite the heartbreak, I knew where I belonged. I consecrated myself to the Blessed Virgin and began serving at Mass. Every time I stepped onto the altar, I felt a great sense of purpose, meaning, and joy that I had never felt before. I now seek with all my heart to serve my home diocese as a parish priest!

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—Gavin

An Invitation

As I follow God's calling to the priesthood, I seek others to accompany me on this journey. May we meet so that I can share more? Until then, please keep me and my classmates in prayer, and feel free to reach out to me at Gavin@rescuevocations.org.

Why is Labouré Needed?



Escalating education costs block many aspiring priests and religious from answering God's call.



Many religious communities cannot afford to assume their aspirants' loan debts



Most dioceses / eparchies will allow some debt but have a limited threshold for acceptance



Rising formation costs often limit missionary activities and care of aging priests and religious.

How does the Mission Work?

OUR ASPIRANTS

Are discerning a vocation and have been selected into a diocese / eparchy 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 benefactors, 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 LABOURÉ 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?

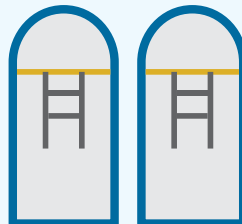
350+ INSTITUTIONS



Supported by 350+ religious institutions & 80+ bishops to help deliver their aspirants debt-free.

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.

\$15+ MILLION



Raised by 480 Labouré aspirants assisted into formation for the priesthood or religious life 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 \$80k-100k. 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 Aspirant needs.