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This is my Vocation Story

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My name is Alexis Jodon. I am called to quench Jesus' thirst to be loved in the Most Blessed Sacrament as a sister with the Children of Mary. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I was raised Catholic in Pittsburgh. Though our family attended Mass each Sunday and followed Church observances, I didn't really know what it meant to live a life of faith. I loved learning and the arts, and was a dreamer at heart.

In college, I saw myself as a woman whose career would be her life. I felt driven to commit my life to something important; I longed to help people, to serve a higher cause, to sacrifice everything in order to serve some greater purpose...though I didn't know what. I became involved in cause after cause, but nothing satisfied my desire for fulfillment. Deeply depressed, I remembered my childhood and decided to give Jesus a try.

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—Alexis Jodon

My Vocation

I recalled some praise and worship music from a retreat I'd attended growing up, and gave it a listen. Immediately, the Lord pierced my soul and tears streamed down my face. I sought out Christian podcasts and Catholic testimonial videos online and continued to encounter the truth of God. In a moment of great grace, the Lord opened my eyes and showed me that He was the Truth and the Light I had always sought. I realized that if that was so, I needed to live entirely for Him.

I started attending Mass, making a Holy Hour, and praying the rosary daily. Soon, I sensed a call to enter religious life. I had finally discovered the One to Whom I was to give myself: Jesus Christ. My Lord and Savior was worth my all, and I longed to be entirely His.



*"I greatly look forward
to my life with the
Children of Mary."*

—Alexis Jodon

Called to Serve

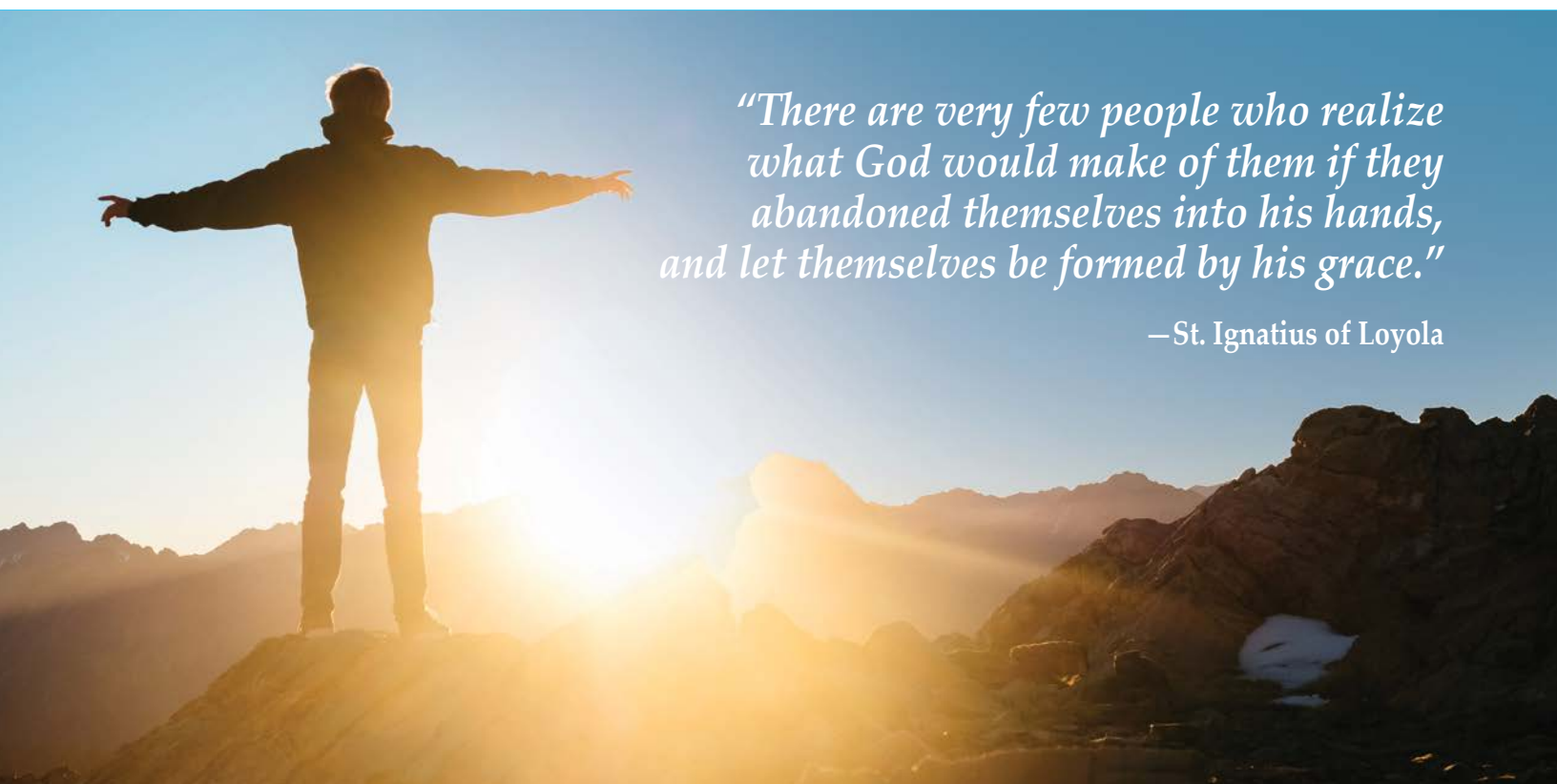
I was led to learn more about the Children of Mary. In doing so, I felt as though someone reached deep into my heart and touched a place I had never known existed. The Children of Mary are dedicated to loving the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and take a vow to pray for priests.

While focusing on prayer, they also hold retreats and talks, and visit nursing homes, prisons, and soup kitchens. I attended discernment retreats with the sisters, and felt as though I was among family, serving the purpose for which my heart had always longed.

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:
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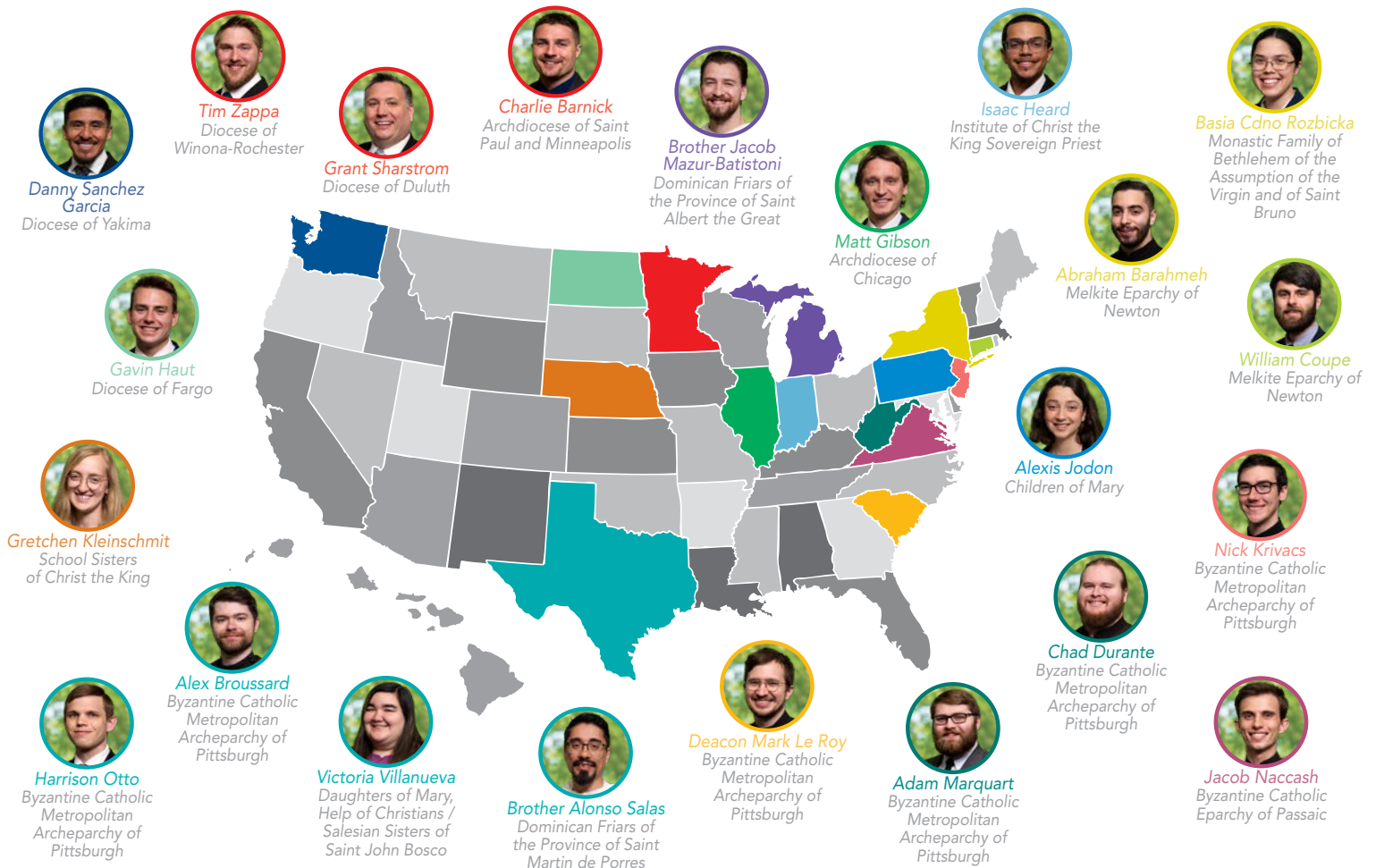


*"There are very few people who realize
what God would make of them if they
abandoned themselves into his hands,
and let themselves be formed by his grace."*

—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 pursuing seminary / religious formation due to student loan debt - and that's not the only obstacle. Many of our religious institutions struggle to pay for candidates' seminary / formation. My classmates are discerning all over the nation.



With your help, we will rebuild the Church!

My goal is to raise \$40,000 during this current 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 / eparchy 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.rescuevocations.org. **HELP RESCUE VOCATIONS'**

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Why is Labouré Needed?



The average amount of educational debt blocking aspirants in Labouré 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?



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 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?

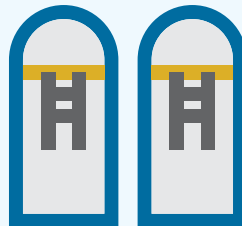
430+ INSTITUTIONS



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

\$12+ MILLION



Raised by 425 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 program needs.