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This is my Vocation Story



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My name is Aislinn Torrance. I am called to contemplate God's love revealed in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a sister with the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is my story.

In the Beginning

Growing up, my parents sent us to Catholic school, and though we did not practice it much within the home, I received enough formation at school to engage my interest in the Faith. During those years, I sensed a stirring within me—a curiosity about the deeper mysteries of faith, and a yearning for a deeper relationship with God.

Monthly school masses and religious studies classes offered glimpses into the richness of the Catholic religion, but they left me craving a deeper and consistent experience of that faith in my own life. Determined to fill this void, I embarked on a journey to explore the depths of Catholicism beyond the confines of the classroom.

I delved deeper into the teachings and history of the Church and eagerly consumed any literature about Catholicism that I could get my hands on. I found myself drawn to the Church's teachings and history. I sought to grasp not just the what, but the why behind these beliefs, hoping to grasp the profound truths that form our faith. This journey of exploration wasn't merely an academic pursuit; it was me being drawn to deepen my relationship with God and discern my place within His divine plan.

"I once thought religious life was beyond my reach, but now all I desire is to enter the convent, to live my life in service to His Church, and love Jesus forever as His devoted bride."

My Vocation

—Aislinn Torrance

I had the opportunity to immerse myself in the sacramental life of the Church when I went off to college. I was so hungry to deepen my faith and to receive Jesus in the Eucharist that, though over an hour away by foot, I joyfully make the trek a few times each week to attend Mass.

I also found myself drawn to the contemplative silence of Eucharistic adoration. During this sacred time, I could unite with God in the quiet recesses of my heart. It was in those moments of stillness, gazing upon the Blessed Sacrament, that I felt the presence of God enveloping me. In those times with the Lord, I found solace, clarity,



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I long to give everything
I possess and everything
I might achieve to Christ,
my dearest Beloved.
I offer my life, my heart, and
my soul in complete devotion,
seeking to be wholly His.
And, by His grace and will,
hope one day to live
united with Him as His bride."*

—Aislinn Torrance

and the assurance that I was exactly where I was meant to be.

Yet, I had a natural desire for marriage and family life. I faced an internal struggle—a battle between my personal desires and the subtle promptings of the Holy Spirit. As I continued to pray and discern God's will for my life, I felt the walls of resistance crumbling around me, replaced by not only a profound sense of surrender and trust, but of absolute peace. This peace was absent whenever I imagined and prayed about a possible life as a mother and wife.

It was a gradual process, but with each passing day, my resolve to trust the Lord grew stronger as my stubbornness faded, and my heart grew more attuned to the gentle working of His divine grace. Through my love for Jesus, I began to embrace the possibility of a vocation to religious life.

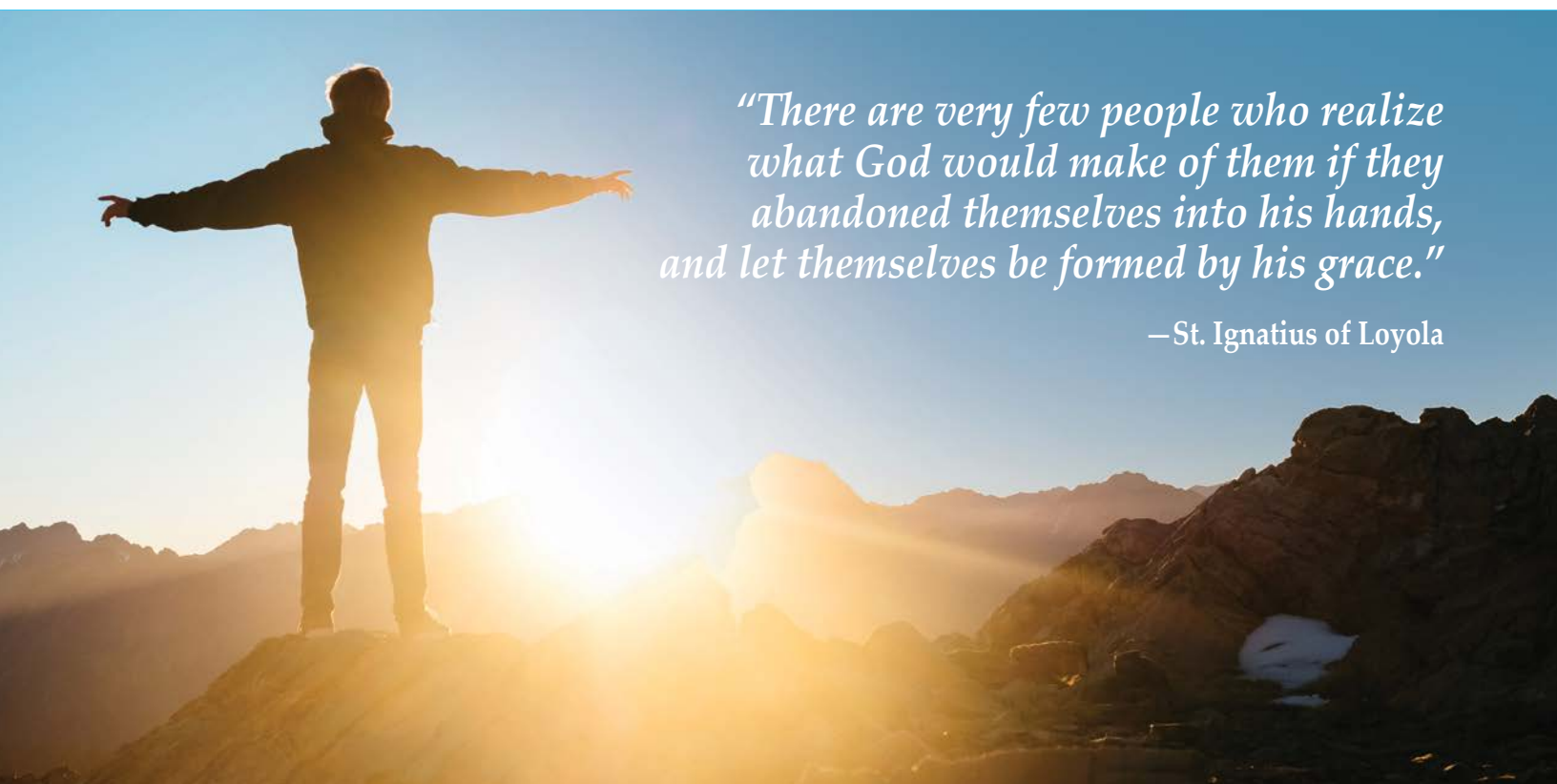
Called to Serve

I chose to discern with the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for several reasons: Their traditional, balanced, Franciscan lifestyle of prayer and service offers an approach to religious life that deeply appeals to me. Their focus on education and catechesis aligns perfectly with my passion for sharing the faith with others through educational ministry, and their profound devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus mirrors my own spiritual devotion and provides a solid foundation for my journey. I am so excited at the thought of entering their community and getting to live with them as the bride of Christ!

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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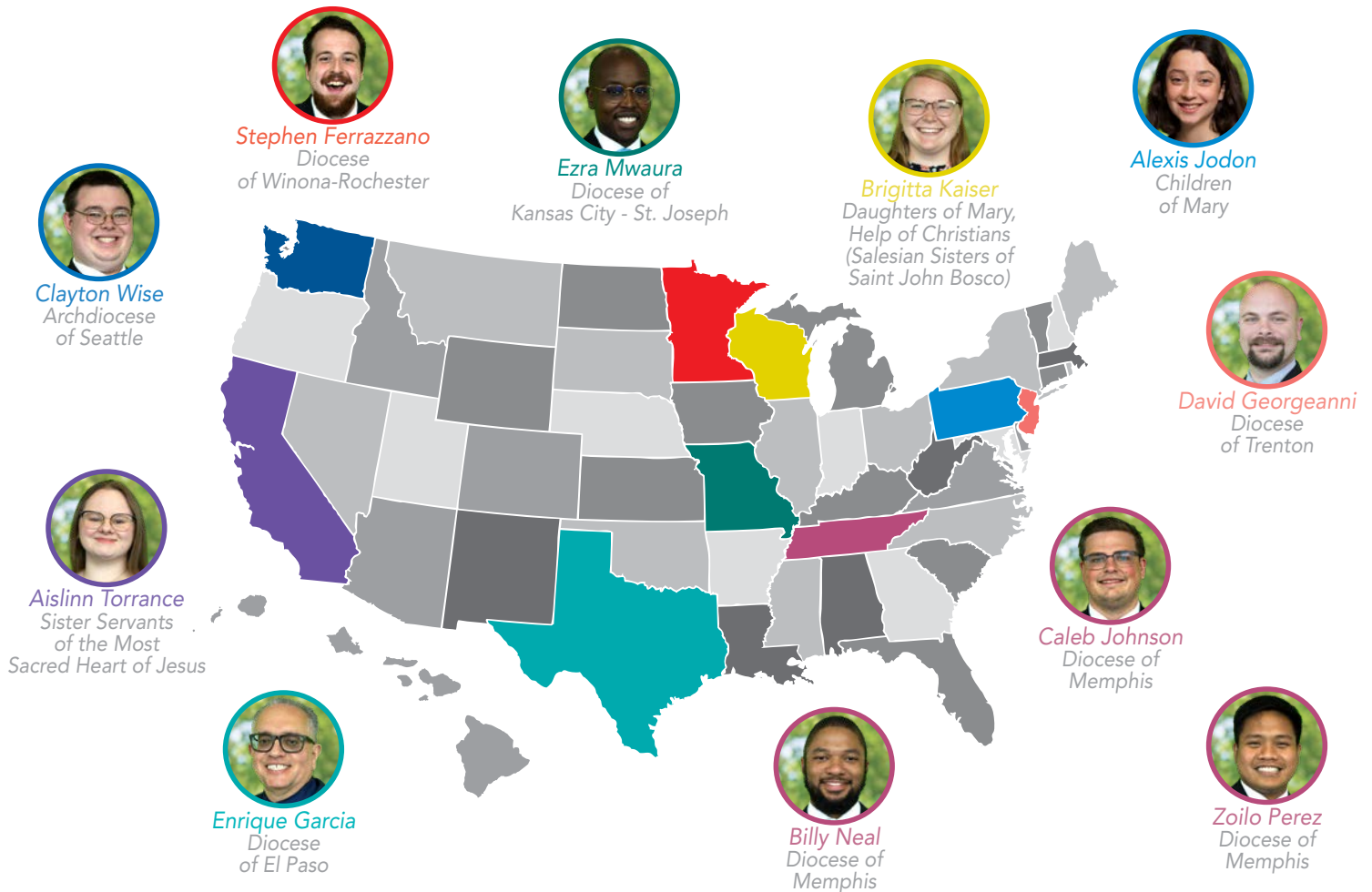


*"There are very few people who realize
what God would make of them if they
abandoned themselves into his hands,
and let themselves be formed by his grace."*

—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 \$60,000 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 education debt.

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 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?

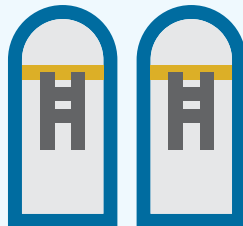
350+ INSTITUTIONS



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

\$14+ MILLION



Raised by 430 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.