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This is my Vocation Story



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My name is Alex Broussard. I am called to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I grew up in Houston, Texas, and had a pretty normal upbringing. My interests as a kid were mostly academic, including classical guitar, math, science and Latin. I spent a lot of time reading and trying to understand how things worked.

Though our family wasn't especially devout in terms of church attendance, my parents did send me to Catholic school. That ended up being a defining factor in my life. While we weren't at church every Sunday, I went to school Masses regularly and sensed that there was something more to the Faith. When it came time for high school, I decided to attend a Catholic high school rather than a public one. That was the turning point.

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My Vocation

In high school, I had a few key teachers who made an impression on me. One in particular challenged me intellectually and spiritually. He assigned me to translate 1 Corinthians 13. At first it felt like just another assignment, but then it struck me at the core of my heart. Faith wasn't just academic anymore—it was personal.

I went to college at the University of Dallas to study Latin, Ancient Greek and math, and eventually earn my master's in Classics. While there, I learned about the Eastern Catholic Churches and a door opened that would stay open for the rest of my life. It showed me the universality of the Church and the richness of its traditions.

When I found St. Basil's Byzantine Catholic Church, it became my spiritual home. I began serving at the altar and praying the Divine Praises—Vespers and Matins—which I both practiced and promoted. That marked the beginning of



my discernment. It wasn't just the Divine Liturgy that drew me in; it was the people. From newcomer to one of the chanters in our choir, I felt a genuine sense of family and belonging. Between studying, teaching, and serving at church under good, holy mentors, my vocation steadily grew, until I realized I was being prepared for the priesthood.

Called to Serve

I'm now a Ruthenian Catholic seminarian, studying for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. I'm married, and my wife and I have three children. Seminary hasn't always been easy, but it has clarified my calling.

My time at our current parish has also confirmed for me the kind of ministry I want to have. We've helped organize a coffee hour there, welcomed back families who hadn't attended in years, and fostered a strong sense of belonging. That kind of quiet, consistent service is what I think parish ministry is about. While not always dramatic, it provides meaningful impact by highlighting Christ in the everyday.

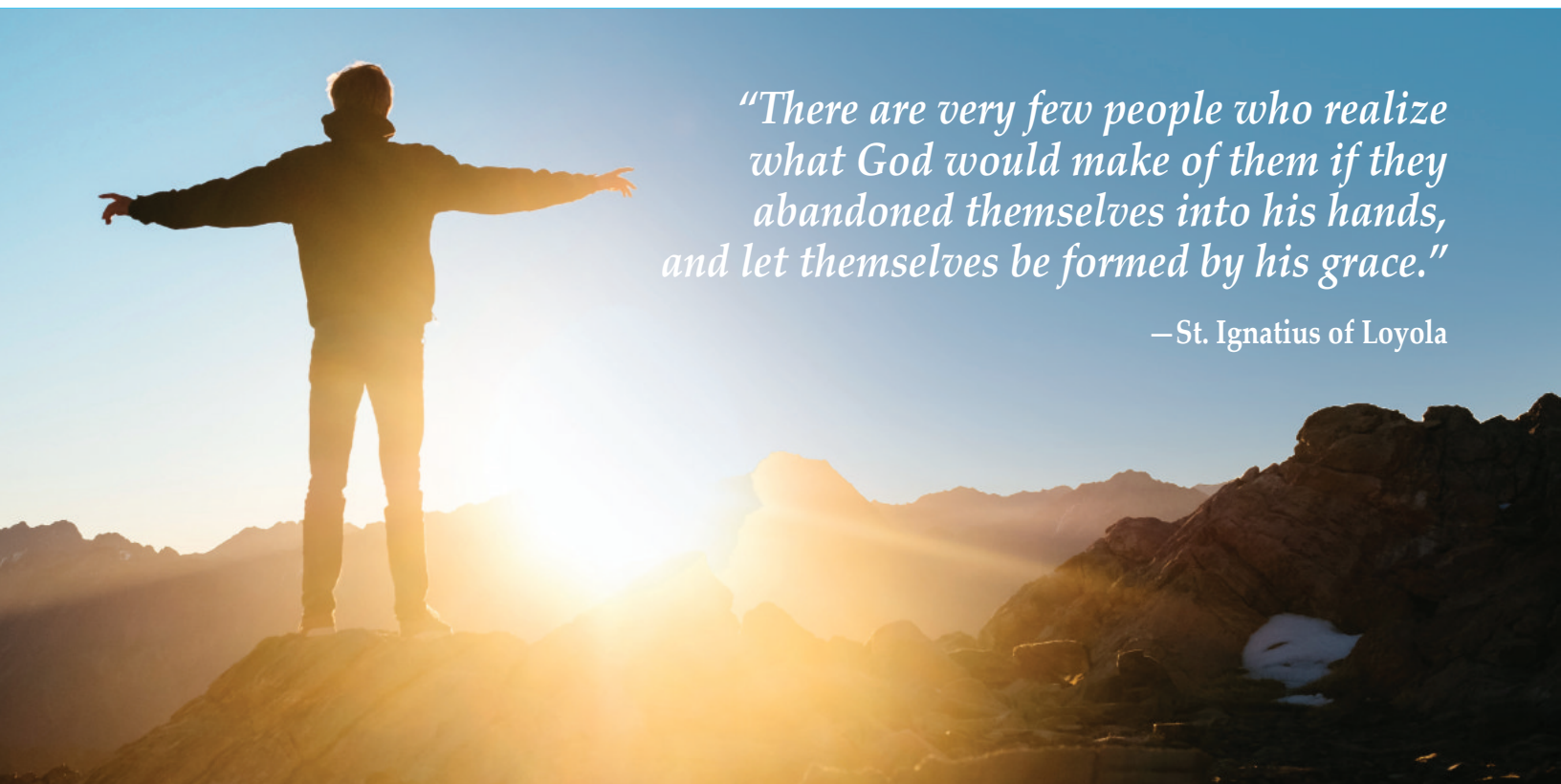
Prayer & Invitation

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: AlexBroussard@rescuevocations.org.

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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 / religious formation. My classmates are discerning all over the nation.

Hannah Looman
Community of the Beatitudes

Tyler Martensen
Franciscan Friars
(Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Joshua Kleinman
Tarrawarra Abbey

Daniel Adamson
Franciscan Friars
(Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Grace Mombrea
Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

Myles Forgue
Diocese of Fall River

Fatima Partida
Missionaries of Charity

Isaiah Rodriguez
Diocese of Orange

Brooke Dircks
Daughters of St. Paul

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Victoria Villanueva
Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians
(Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco)

Enrique Garcia
Diocese of El Paso

David Georgeanni
Diocese of Trenton

Kyle Hudson
Conventual Franciscan Friars
(Province of Our Lady of Consolation)

With your help, we will rebuild the Church!

My goal is to raise \$50,000 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?



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 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 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?

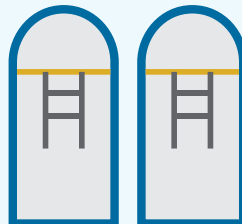
350+ INSTITUTIONS



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 450 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.