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# This is my Vocation Story

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*My name is Myles Forgue. I am called to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Diocese of Fall River. This is my story.*

## In the Beginning

I was raised in a Catholic family and attended Catholic schools, finding Sunday Mass to be a steady constant in a variable world. As a young boy, I became an altar server and saw myself as part of a larger story, immersed in the grandeur of the Goodness, Truth, and Beauty of our Faith.

When I was in the second grade, my mother was diagnosed with leukemia. This, along with the closing of our parish and school, led me to question the suffering of good people. I wrestled with the Lord, yet realized that in order to wrestle, it meant that God and I were close. Through all of this, I came to know Christ as I stood in the shadow of the Cross. Confiding in the Father, I found hope in our suffering Lord. I learned that suffering, sickness, hope, and healing were a common thread linking me to the Faith of our Fathers. Through this thread, I found myself woven into a love story so ancient and intricate—one where "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

I followed this thread eagerly, longing to know more about Christ. As I pulled more on the thread, He continued to tug on the strings of my own heart, undoing the knots and bringing me to greater friendship with Him and His people. The stronger He tugged, the further I followed; the Lord Himself taught me how He doesn't see things as the world sees them. The more I learned of the 'upside down' logic of His Kingdom, the more earnestly I sought to see His will be done and to be His ambassador.

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## My Vocation

Following high school, I continued my Catholic education at Providence College.

Studying marketing and theology came as a natural combination for me: marketing for its emphasis on authentic storytelling, and theology for its ability to discover how we seek and share meaning in the Truth.

Within our college campus ministry, I found joy in serving as a retreat leader and peer minister. I found myself making friends with those on the outskirts and realized that leadership is about laying down one's life for your friends. I felt a true connection with our Lord who "loved His own and loved them to the end."



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—Myles Forgue

Though successful in my studies and service, something was missing. My heart was restless. On Holy Thursday of my sophomore year, I was invited by my campus minister from high school to attend a Seven Churches visit, adoring our Lord at different parishes throughout my home diocese. The night culminated at the parish affiliated with my high school, and it was there that I experienced the Real Presence of our Eucharistic Lord in a way I never had before. As the priest read from John 16—the account of the Last Supper—I recognized the Lord as He spoke to His disciples, and 'the Word became flesh' in my mind and heart. I realized that He was speaking to me, and His words pierced me to the core. I sensed a summons to set out on the great adventure of a life laid down for others.

## Called to Serve

Settling back into home life after college, our Lord prepared the way for me to share what I had been storing up in the treasury of my heart. I came to serve my parish and diocese as a catechist, youth minister, and extraordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist, and it was through the encouragement of many that I learned I have the "heart of a priest." As I spent time with priests I knew and trusted, I discovered a deep and unique brotherhood in Christ. I came to see how the priesthood truly is the love of the Heart of Jesus. He wants to bring his healing, hope, peace, and joy to the world, and I get to share those gifts through my life.

God-willing, one day as a priest for my home diocese of Fall River, I will be blessed to bring God to the people and the people to God through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist & Confession. I most look forward to offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and breaking open the Scriptures to God's beloved children. I seek to inspire the hearts of others to burn within them, so they may recognize the Lord who walks with them daily.

## Prayer & Invitation

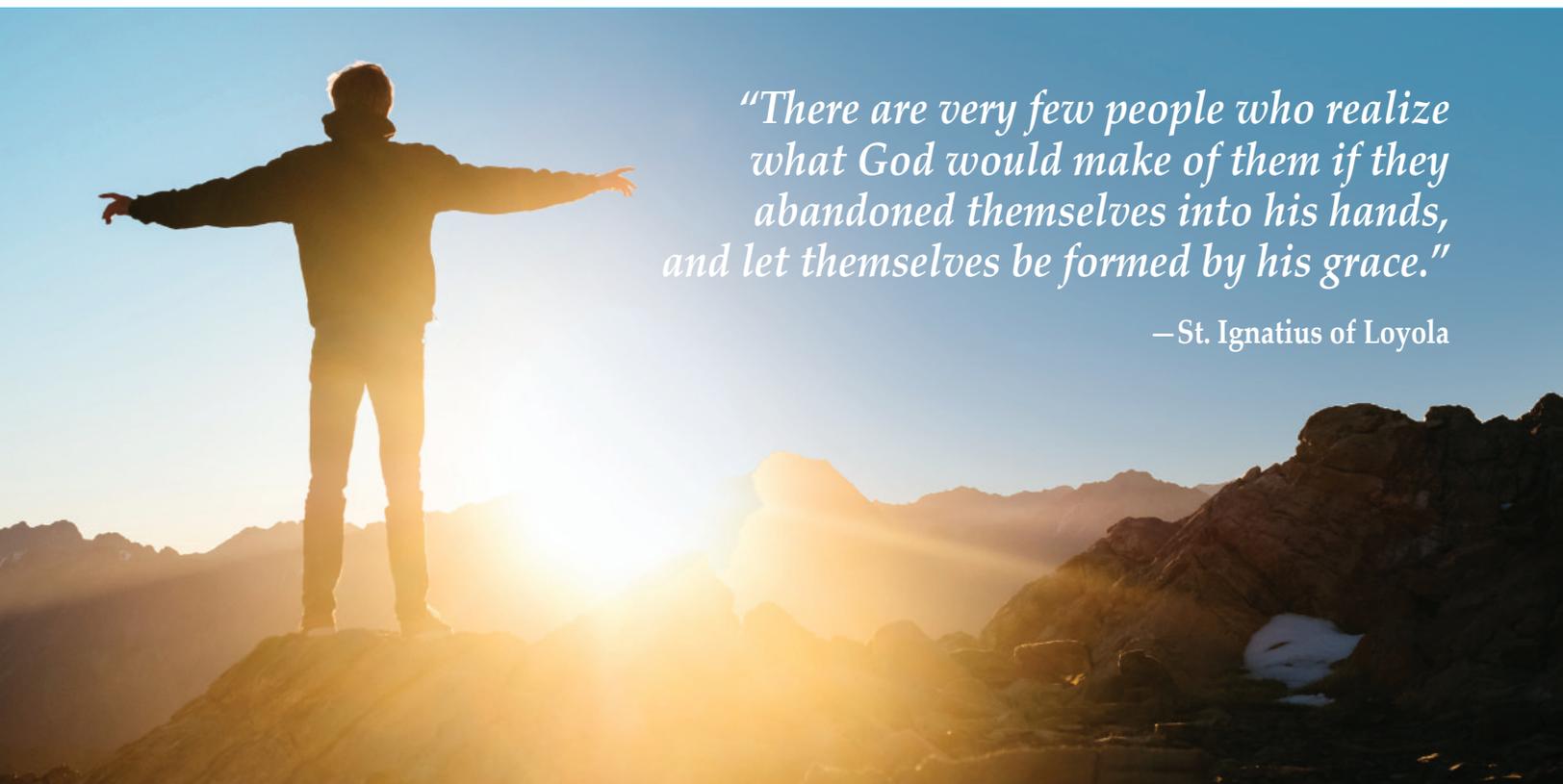
Please pray for me and for my fellow Labouré classmates on our vocation journeys.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you might have at:

[MylesForgue@rescuevocations.org](mailto:MylesForgue@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 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

**Brooke Dircks**  
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Diocese of Orange

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**Enrique Garcia**  
Diocese of El Paso

**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](http://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?



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?

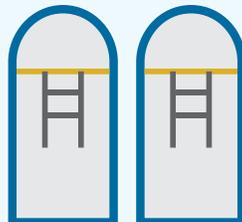
**350+ INSTITUTIONS**



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.

**\$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.