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# This is my Vocation Story

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*My name is Hannah Looman. I am called to follow Christ on the path of the Beatitudes as a sister with the Community of the Beatitudes. This is my story.*

## In the Beginning

I grew up in Durango, Colorado on my family's fourth-generation Quarter horse ranch, where I loved to ride and show horses. I was raised Catholic, attended Catholic school, and loved Jesus and reading about the saints. When I was 14, my mother passed away from cancer. This was a very difficult period for me and my family, and I fell away from the Church for a time. Eventually, though, I realized that I had a void in my heart which I was searching to fill.

At college, I was reminded of God's love for me. I began to read the Bible and was drawn to attend Mass. I discovered a community of Catholic young adults who were on fire for the Faith. Inspired by their deep passion, I decided to attend confession for the first time in years. I felt like the Prodigal Son being welcomed home with loving jubilation! I could once again feel the warm love of Jesus in my heart, which was something I had walled off in my life for a long time, and I pleaded with God to never let me stray again.

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## My Vocation

In 2022, I felt God inviting me to surrender my entire life to Him. I considered religious life, yet my plans were headed in an entirely different direction, as I was studying to be an equine veterinarian. I finished my schooling and accepted a job in Texas. Though I enjoyed my work very much, my heart continued to be drawn towards something deeper. The Lord was calling me to trust Him as He opened a new path forward.

I had met a priest from the Community of the Beatitudes a few years earlier, and we'd stayed in touch. He had invited me to participate in an online discipleship program, and eventually, I was offered an internship with Beatitude Missions. I fell in love with the Community.

# Called to Serve

The Community of the Beatitudes consists of priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay people, all living Christian life together as one spiritual family, carrying a shared life out into the world through evangelization and service.

Similar to the Carmelite spirituality of St. Therese the Little Flower, contemplation is key to the daily life of the Community. Contemplative prayer is where we build personal relationships with God and abide in His love. What we receive in contemplation overflows into daily work.

The Community has a heart for the poor and suffering, and performs numerous works of compassion and humanitarian aid, including running hospitals, orphanages, women's shelters, and welcoming people with various disabilities.

I look forward to sharing in these forms of outreach as a religious sister, as well as to participating in the New Evangelization with the Community, including through media, retreats, hospitality, pilgrimages, conferences, family and youth ministry, and student and young adult ministry. I desire a life with contemplative prayer as the source of all I do, surrounded by people all striving for the same goal—to be united with Christ and have our eyes set on Heaven while loving those around us.

## 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: [HannahLooman@rescuevocations.org](mailto:HannahLooman@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.

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Community of the Beatitudes

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

**Joshua Kleinman**  
Tarrawarra Abbey

**Daniel Adamson**  
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Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

**Myles Forgue**  
Diocese of Fall River

**Fatima Partida**  
Missionaries of Charity

**Brooke Dircks**  
Daughters of St. Paul

**Isaiah Rodriguez**  
Diocese of Orange

**David Georgeanni**  
Diocese of Trenton

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

**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?

### 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?

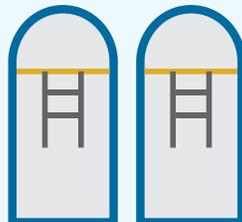
### 350+ INSTITUTIONS



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.