



# Will you join my Vocation Journey?

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*My name is Myles Forgue. I am discerning a call 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, attending Catholic schools and altar serving. Sunday Mass was a steady constant in a variable world. 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 through it all, 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. I followed this thread eagerly, longing to know more about Christ.

## The Call

As we grew in friendship, 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. In college, I became involved in campus ministry. 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 experienced the Real Presence of our Eucharistic Lord in a way I never had before one Holy Thursday. As the priest read 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 as I sensed a summons to set out on the great adventure of a life laid down for others.

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—Myles

## An Invitation

As I follow God's calling to the priesthood, I seek others to accompany me on this journey. May we meet so that I can share more? Until then, please keep me and my classmates in prayer, and feel free to reach out to me at [Myles.Forgue@rescuevocations.org](mailto:Myles.Forgue@rescuevocations.org).

# 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 benefactors, 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?

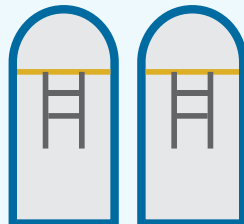
### 350+ INSTITUTIONS



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 480 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 Aspirant needs.