



Will you join my Vocation Journey?

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My name is Isabella Orendain. I am discerning a call to participate in Our Lady's labor of bringing souls to birth in Jesus Christ as a sister with the Filiæ Laboris Mariæ. This is my story.

In the Beginning

I grew up with my family in San Diego, California. Though I was raised Catholic and attended Catholic schools, the faith of my childhood was just something we did. My heart didn't really fall in love with God until one life-changing prayer before Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Call

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I, like many, sought consolation in the Faith. One day in church, someone mentioned the power of praying to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, so I knelt before an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and asked her assistance.

From that day on, I was drawn deeper into love with God by the richness of the traditions of our Catholic Faith. I began to see the cross not as a mere symbol, but as the love of my life and the reason for my existence. The reverence, silence, and sacredness of the Traditional Latin Mass captured my heart. After reading the Diary of St. Faustina, I was inspired by her willingness to surrender everything to God, and the desire began to stir in me to do the same.

In prayer, I found myself returning over and over again to the Agony in the Garden. I wanted to be with Jesus in this moment, to surrender as He did to the will of the Father. More than anything, I wanted to give my life to the Church for the salvation of souls -- especially those of my loved ones.

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An Invitation

As I follow God's calling to religious life, 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 Isabella.Orendain@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?

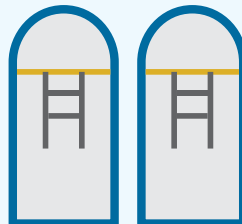
350+ INSTITUTIONS



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.