

DISCERNING YOUR VOCATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD



VOCATIONS CORNER

If you've thought about the possibility of the priesthood, but don't yet have all the signs and qualities, please don't despair!

How do I know God is calling me?

If you have ever thought about being a priest, these qualities may be clues to a future priestly vocation:

- 1.** God has placed in your heart a desire to be a priest.
- 2.** You have a deep love for Christ and His Church.
- 3.** Other people have mentioned that you would be a good priest.
- 4.** You desire to live a life of virtue and prayer.
- 5.** You want to help others grow closer to Christ.

All people must strive for holiness. And future priests go through a long and intensive formation period, precisely to help them grow in virtue and be effective in their ministry.

If you're interested in the priesthood, talk to the **Diocese Vocation Directors** about the signs above. They can help you further discern your vocation. And remember - true happiness and peace depend on following God's perfect will for your life.

If God wants you to be a priest, trust in his grace to lead you.

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Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have been called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. AMEN