

A background image showing the lower bodies and hands of several people holding hands in a circle, suggesting a group or community. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

VOCATION

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Letter to Parents

Subject/Heading: Helping Children Live Their Vocation Today

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This month, our school is focusing on Stewardship of Vocation. A vocation is more than a future career — it is the way God calls each of us to live faithfully as His disciples. Every baptized person has a vocation, and the Church recognizes several particular states of life:

- Priesthood and Religious Life – giving one’s whole life in service to God and the Church.
- Marriage and Family Life – serving God by loving and raising a family in faith.
- Single Life – serving God through generous love, service, and commitment in daily life.

But vocation is not only about the future — it begins right now. Children live their vocation today as beloved sons and daughters of God, as students, siblings, and friends. Stewardship of vocation means using the gifts God has given — kindness, talents, time, and energy — to serve others and grow in holiness.

At home, you can support this theme by:

- Talking about how each family member lives their vocation (parent, spouse, student, sibling, grandparent, priest, or religious).
- Praying together: “Lord, help us live our vocation with joy.”
- Encouraging your child to use their gifts generously at school, home, and parish.

Thank you for helping your child discover the joy of living their vocation, both now and as they grow into the unique calling God has prepared for them.

In Christ,

[Principal / Pastor / Teacher]

Commitment Card for Middle School and High School

Name: _____

Grade: _____ School/Parish: _____

1. My Vocation Today

I recognize my vocation right now as a:

☐ Student ☐ Son/Daughter ☐ Friend ☐ Parish Minister (altar server, lector, choir, youth ministry, etc.)

☐ Other: _____

2. My Gifts and Talents

The gifts and talents God has given me are:

I will use these gifts this year to serve:

☐ My family ☐ My school ☐ My parish ☐ My community

(Write one specific way:)

3. Growing in My Faith

One step I will take this year to grow closer to God is:

☐ Daily prayer / journaling ☐ Reading Scripture ☐ Attending Mass more often

☐ Serving in parish ministry ☐ Other: _____

4. Discerning the Future

I am open to exploring God's call for my future:

☐ Married Life ☐ Single Life ☐ Priesthood (for young men) ☐ Religious Life (for young men or women) ☐ I'm not sure yet — but I want to listen for God's call.

Would you like to learn more about vocations to priesthood or religious life?

☐ Yes, please contact me with more information ☐ Maybe later ☐ Not at this time

5. My Prayer of Commitment

Lord, thank You for calling me by name. Help me to live my vocation with joy, generosity, and courage. Guide me to discover the plan You have for my life and give me the strength to say "yes." Amen.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Commitment Card for Elementary Students

My Vocation as a Child of God

Name: _____

Grade: _____ School/Parish: _____

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This week, I will live my vocation by:

- ☐ Being kind at school
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Stewardship of Vocation School Activity Ideas

- Classroom Activity (Elementary)

“God Calls Me” Coloring Sheet: Students draw themselves using their gifts (serving, praying, helping family). Title: “My Vocation is a Gift from God.”

- Middle/High School Reflection Journal

Prompt: How did I use my gifts for God this week?

Prompt: What are three ways I can live my vocation as a student and friend more generously?

- Career & Calling Day

Invite both professionals and religious/clergy. Each speaker shares:

Their vocation (marriage, single life, priesthood, religious life).

How they live it as stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

One piece of advice for young people discerning their call.

- Vocation Dress-Up Day

Invite students to dress up as what they feel called to be—priest, teacher, nurse, mom/dad, religious sister, or other—and share how they can serve God through that role.

- Vocation Talks or Panels

Invite a variety of vocations to visit classrooms or assemblies—priests, sisters, married couples, and Catholic professionals—to share their story of calling.

- “What’s My Calling?” Journals

Older students write reflections about their talents, passions, and how they think God may be calling them to serve.

- Saint Vocation Role Models

Each grade researches a saint from a different vocation (e.g., St. Gianna Molla for marriage, St. John Vianney for priesthood) and presents to the school.

- Vocation Coloring & Writing Prompts: “When I grow up, I want to serve God by...”

- Meet a Vocation Week: Invite guest speakers from different vocations

STEWARDSHIP OF VOCATION

Stewardship of vocation means following
God's call for our lives.



God made each of us with a purpose—to love Him and help others. Some people become priests, sisters, moms, dads, or teachers to serve God. We can ask God in prayer: “What do You want me to do with my life?”

Saying “yes” to God’s call is one way we show our love for Him.

