



MISSION DISCERNMENT

You've got Questions ?

Waiting for a Sign

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Do I have a Calling?

What should I look for?

What should I do to find out?

Often times we are waiting for a sign from God to tell us God is calling us. But this Call is not as dramatic as we might believe. Many of those who have been ordained or professed for years point out that rather than a voice from heaven, there are certain indications within our ordinary lives, and some personal qualities that confirm the signs of a religious missionary life commitment.

These indications or clues vary from person to person. *"I was always interested in working with the poor – one bishop once said – but I didn't feel at all worthy to become a priest. So I waited for a sign and when it didn't come, I figured wanting to work with the poor was a sign."*

Know yourself

Your interests, the gifts you have and want to share. Ask yourself: what do I dream I would like to be and do in my life? What are my talents? What do my parents, teachers, or friends say about me? What are the things I do well and they often point them out to me?

Know the ways to serve in the Church

Lay ministry, volunteering in church surroundings, brotherhood, priesthood, etc.

Know groups or organizations

Often groups and organizations offer the type of ministry you are most attracted to. Contact them and find out the differences in their own approach, goals and lifestyle (what and how they live and work) as well as the challenges they face.

Nurture your relationship with God

A Vocation is always a mysterious thing because it involves people in relationship with God. Taking a closer look at our lives and at ourselves, we can discern our vocation. So we aren't just guessing wildly.

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at your house" [by Antonella del Grosso, xmm]

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay