

Franciscan Vocation Ministry

Sacred Heart Province

A Gospel Movement



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NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK!

Check out the new and improved vocation web site www.befranciscan.com. Hope you find our new site enjoyable.

Also we have two "Come and See" retreats scheduled: February 5-7, 2010 or March 5-7, 2010. [Register for them here](#). Come and see what life is like as a Franciscan Friar.

What is Vocation?



VOCATION represents the process of discovering an individual's unique gifts and discerning how God calls us to offer those gifts in service. It calls us out of ourselves towards God and neighbor.

As followers of St. Francis of Assisi in these modern times, we are called to be centered in Christ with the Gospel as our Rule of Life. "This is what I wish, this is what I seek, this is what I long to do with all my heart!" exclaimed St. Francis. We believe that fidelity to our calling is expressed in a spirit of faithfulness to the mission Jesus began, we have a special love for the poor, and we revere all Gods' Creations.

We welcome you to the Franciscan vision of the world, a world where love is more powerful than hate, forgiveness more powerful than revenge, hope more powerful than despair, community more powerful than isolation and God is more powerful than all that mitigates against goodness and hope.

How do I know if I am being called?

What does it mean, "to be called?" In the biblical terms, "to be called" is a summons from God to undertake a certain kind of work, especially a religious career. It is derived from the Latin word vocare meaning, "to call" and is the root of the words vocation and voice. The calling of God is an invitation to participate in the blessings of God's creation through service. It is not a call to withdraw from the world, but rather, to be an active participant in it.

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What are the requirements for joining?



1. You must be a single, practicing Roman Catholic male between the ages of 21-40 who has completed high school and is in good physical, mental, and emotional health.
2. One who considers a personal relationship with God as an important and vital part of life.
3. One who has an ability and willingness to talk about his faith and experience of God in his life.
4. One who has a desire to serve others and make a difference in people's lives.
5. One who is willing to sacrifice personal or material gain for the service of the Gospel and the Church.
6. One who is recognized as being approachable.
7. One who enjoys life, people, and has a sense of humor.
8. One who has the ability to lead and work with people of all ages.
9. One who recognizes the importance of the Church and the role of the Church as teacher.
10. One who forms and maintains healthy relationships with both men and women.
11. One who feels good about himself has average to above average intelligence

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