
About Vocations

A vocation is a path in life down which you travel -- to find God, and to be infinitely happy with Him forever in heaven.

There are many paths from which to choose. All have God as their terminal. He must have a part in every vocation if we are to explain our existence here on earth -- "to know, love, and serve God; and to be happy with Him forever in heaven."

Sometimes, young people are hesitant to choose one particular path rather than another. They may be confused as to requirements, helps, abilities, qualifications, and the sacrifices involved. Again, they may have very definite pre-conceived notions about a particular vocation -- only to discover later they were dead wrong.

It would have helped very much, had someone talked matters over with you; pointed out salient yet very essential factors; given you some idea of what was involved, perhaps! Even ignorance and prejudice can enter into our choice of paths in life.

That's the general idea of the Forum on States in Life, which begins this evening in the Law auditorium at 7:30. You must make a decision sometime soon, because time waits for no one. You must choose some path -- a path God has marked out for you -- a path for which God has fitted you. This week, the topic will be Marriage. Coach Johnny Jordan and Father Charles Sheedy will tell you some things that will prove very enlightening, and interesting, and valuable. Come on over! The forum is open to everyone, and will continue for five Wednesdays.

Was He Watching You ?

Jack Owens, the radio and T-V man, in describing the first days of his marriage with his Catholic wife, makes the pointed observation:

"My bride never urged me to go to her church. At first, though, I went with her to Mass. It meant little to me. There was some consolation in being in a House of God once more, but the only understandable parts of the service were the singing and the sermon. The rest was dull, and tiresome. As for those attending Mass, I was convinced they were there only because they had been brought up that way; at best, their presence could be attributed to little more than habit..."

Some of you give the same impression, at times, especially when you carry neither missal, nor rosary. A hint of the proper and prayerful attitude which becomes the fervent Catholic is gleaned from Jack Owens description of his wife:

"Sunday after Sunday, I stole an incredulous look at my wife, her eyes focused on the altar. How she could attach such importance to attendance at this mediaeval drama was beyond the scope of my comprehension."

To make a long story short, Jack Owens finally came into the Church, in spite of the example of many of his Catholic neighbors at Sunday Mass. We suspect the good wife had something to do with the conversion -- plus the grace of God, and Jack's good will.

Prayers Requested

Deceased: Charles Barmeo Ruble, '23; grandmother of Brother Richard, CSC; grandmother of John Brogan of Lyons; Arthur Schellinger (Alumnus); mother of Tom Parsley of Alumni; Mrs. S.E. Newhouse. Ill: Mr. Grover Kirchen; father of Ronald Sables of Farley.