

Tonight at 5:10, the Mass
in Sacred Heart Church will
be offered for the souls...

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of Jim Byrnes and Clint Core--
victims of auto accident a
year ago. Seniors will re-
member!

What Are You Going To Do?

Ever stop to think of the great diversity of employment whereby men gain a livelihood -- butchers, bakers, candlestick makers; cooks and carpenters; clerks and artists; actors and legal eagles -- and the peanut venders at baseball games? The diversity is amazing! And where would you be without barbers and cobblers?

Each calls for qualifications and props. Make a mistake in your choice, and you'll be a misfit. Nor is it much fun getting into something for which you are ill-suited. Yet, you must make some decision. You have to eat, you know!

Of all the paths that lie before you, that one is best suited for you which holds the promise of a happy life. You want to be happy, of course, and you want to enjoy peace of mind and heart. These are the greatest possible returns in this world. Happiness presumes sufficient material goods and friends, good health, and self-respect. Peace of mind and heart enable you to live happily with yourself. There is just one more element needed to complete the picture -- and that is the assurance of Eternal Life.

Only one profession, of all the activities of man, was guaranteed this happy future in eternity. It belongs to those who are called by Our Lord to work in His vineyard -- for which He promises a hundredfold in this life, and Eternal Happiness in the life to come. In casting up the values of all occupations, let's not forget this distinctive prize. It's worth remembering.

Obviously God wants every person to live a way of life in which he can give Him the greatest honor and glory. Unfortunately, too many young people never give a thought to the possibility that God might be calling them into His vineyard.

"A vocation is great," they will explain to others. "It's full of beauty and dignity." Without giving any consideration at all, they eliminate it as a possibility for themselves. You, too, may often be tempted to dismiss the idea of a vocation as something more admirable than imitable. At other times you may indulge in a false sense of humility, and think that God would hardly want the likes of you in religious life.

But the truth is that God calls many like you to work in His vineyard. And He gives you what it takes to thrive in that atmosphere. If you have a right intention, normal intelligence, and normal health -- plus the good will to follow the instructions of those placed over you -- you are well equipped to embrace this kind of life.

It is important for a person to follow his vocation -- to give it serious and prayerful thought -- since by doing so he is sure of possessing peace and happiness even in this life, and of obtaining the special grace of salvation.

"But I'm Not Worthy..."

That's right. No one is. But God helps those whom He calls into His service. Keep that in mind, too. Now and then you are greatly surprised at someone's popping up with a vocation -- maybe the last person you would suspect when he enters the religious life! In reality, it's but another instance of God at work.

March is the month singled out for prayers regarding our vocation in life. Give it your serious thought, and your best prayers.

PRAYERS -- Deceased: aunt of Brother Claver, CSC (Treasurer's Office); father of Tom Hayes of Walsh; aunt of Joe Bechtold of Sorin. Very Ill: Bill Ahern (formerly of Farley); Marguerite Cifelli (heart surgery); wife of Herb Westhoff, '51.