


The Mass is Never Ended

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Vocation: (noun) a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation

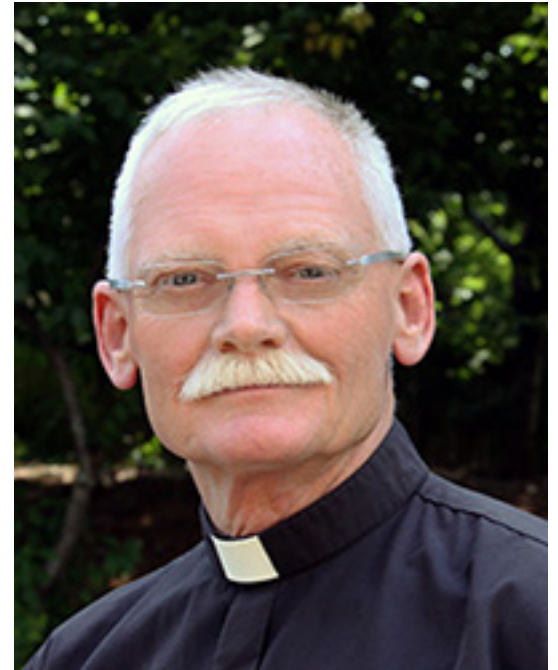
In the Church it has been historically applied to those in Holy Orders or men/women Religious



Good



Better



Best

The “Calling” to Holy Orders



A Shared Vocation


All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; ...They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor

- Lumen Gentium #40

A Shared Vocation

- Our first and primary vocation is within the Universal Call to Holiness
- This comes from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians 1:4

"Even as he (God) chose us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him"



What is the mission
that Jesus gave to
each of us?

A green rectangular highway sign with a white border, mounted on a metal post with five black brackets. The sign features the text "GO MAKE DISCIPLES" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the image includes a blue and white wavy graphic at the top and a blue sky with a white cloud at the bottom.

**GO MAKE
DISCIPLES**



“The Church’s communion and mission is realized not only by the ministers in virtue of the Sacrament of Orders but also by **all the lay faithful.**”



Subsidiarity is the Church's organizing principle – all matters ought to be handled by the smallest, lowest or least centralized competent authority

Making Disciples

- Is more than simple persuasion
- Is more than getting more people to Mass
- Is accomplished more through life than words
- Is attractive and appealing, not threatening and compelling
- Has a greater purpose than just numbers

The Kingdom of God

- Jesus continually spoke of the Kingdom of God – during ministry and following the resurrection
- We are to help bring it to fullness – we pray for that in the Our Father
- Pope Benedict gives us a better understanding of the Kingdom of God in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*

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Reflection

1. When have you felt “compelled” or called by God to do something?
2. Where have you experienced the Kingdom of God?
3. How does the Mass help us with our vocation to bring the Kingdom about?
4. How do we discern our vocation?
5. How do we know if we are living our vocation from God?

