

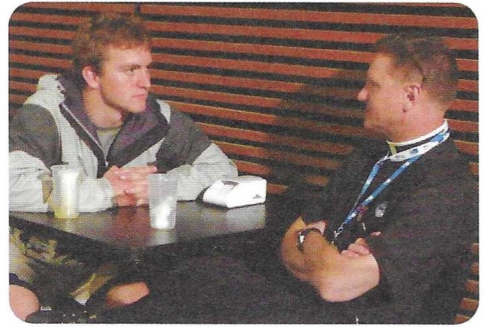
Dear Padre,

I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is “a call from God to a particular state in life,” by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God’s call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God’s call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●



A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another” [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God’s mercy, of his forgiveness.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 11, 2017



MONDAY

May 27

Weekday

1 Pt 1:3–9

Mk 10:17–27

TUESDAY

May 28

Weekday

1 Pt 1:10–16

Mk 10:28–31

WEDNESDAY

May 29

Weekday

1 Pt 1:18–25

Mk 10:32–45

THURSDAY

May 30

Weekday

1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12

Mk 10:46–52

FRIDAY

May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16

Lk 1:39–56

SATURDAY

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Jude 17, 20b–25

Mk 11:27–33

SUNDAY

June 2

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3–8

Heb 9:11–15

Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

The award-winning *Liguori* magazine is available for as little as \$12.00 for a 1-year digital subscription.

Visit subscriptions.liguori.org for details.