

Discernment & Vocations

VIDEO LINK

<https://youtu.be/vJz9PbakIzY>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal of this session is to help young people start thinking about their daily call to holiness as well as their vocation in life. This session explains the process of discernment and allowing God to guide us to where He wants us to go in our lives and how best we are able to serve Him, which is what will ultimately be the most fulfilling for us.

VIDEO SUMMARY

In this video, Fr. Mike discusses vocations in three senses. The first is the primary vocation we all have – the call to holiness. The second sense is in terms of the primary relationship by which we become what we're made to be, i.e. marriage, priesthood, consecrated single, religious life. The third sense is the immediate vocation that God is calling me to right now in my daily life.

1. What are the three types of 'vocation' that Fr. Mike talked about?
2. Why is important to note the distinction between these different vocations that we are all called to within the Church?
3. What is ultimately the main goal of each of the vocations?
4. What is/are the vocation(s) that you are being called to today?
5. How can knowing that there is a vocation for you to be living both right now and in the future affect your day-to-day relationship with God?

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This discussion should have helped young people realize that vocation has a three levels of meaning. We each have a unique call from the Lord for how best we will be able to serve Him and grow in holiness. His plan is nothing to be scared of because we know that we can trust God, who only wants what is best for us and wants us with Him forever in heaven.

Pray together this Daily Prayer to Discover My Vocation from the Office of Vocations from the Diocese of Arlington.

Heavenly Father, if it be Your holy will that I am called to the vocation of marriage, please protect my future spouse. Keep them holy and pure so that when in Your Divine providence You bring us together, we may discover and foster the love You have always intended for us to share, even from the beginning of time. Then, through our marriage, may we faithfully witness that love to the world each and every day of our lives.

But Lord, if it be Your will that I am called to another vocation in the Church, then place holy people in my life to assist me along this path, not telling me what I should do, but guiding and encouraging me every step of the way, so that I may become the faithful instrument of Your grace for the souls You have entrusted to my care.

I ask this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, and in the name of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.