

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter defines vocation as the purpose for which God made us and a particular way to answer his call, and explains that Holy Orders confers a sacred power for serving the faithful.

Scripture



Read **1 Peter 4:10–11** to find out about God's gifts to us and how we are intended to use them.

Catholics Believe

- All of the baptized are called to follow Christ by serving others.
- Ordained men serve God through preaching the Word and through celebrating the Sacraments.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #897–900, 1548–1553 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Ignatius of Loyola. His motto was: "Do everything for the honor and glory of God."

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Service to Others Children this age enjoy helping others, especially when they feel that they have made a unique contribution no one else could have made. Still, their limited ability to know what something feels like for someone else may cause them to miss opportunities to serve others if no one points out these opportunities to them.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you think it is more difficult to hear God's call in the world today?

Despite the "noise" of our culture, God continues to call each baptized person in a unique way to respond to Jesus' invitation to service. We call this a vocation. As Catholics, we know that "ordination to the priesthood is always a call and a gift from God. Christ reminded his Apostles that they needed to ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest. Those who seek the priesthood respond generously to God's call using the words of the prophet, 'Here I am, send me (Is. 6:8)' (USCCA, p. 269).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain the word *vocation*.
- Share with your child about a time when you felt God was calling you or your family to serve him and others.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Ignatius, pray for us that we may do everything for God's honor and glory. Amen.



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