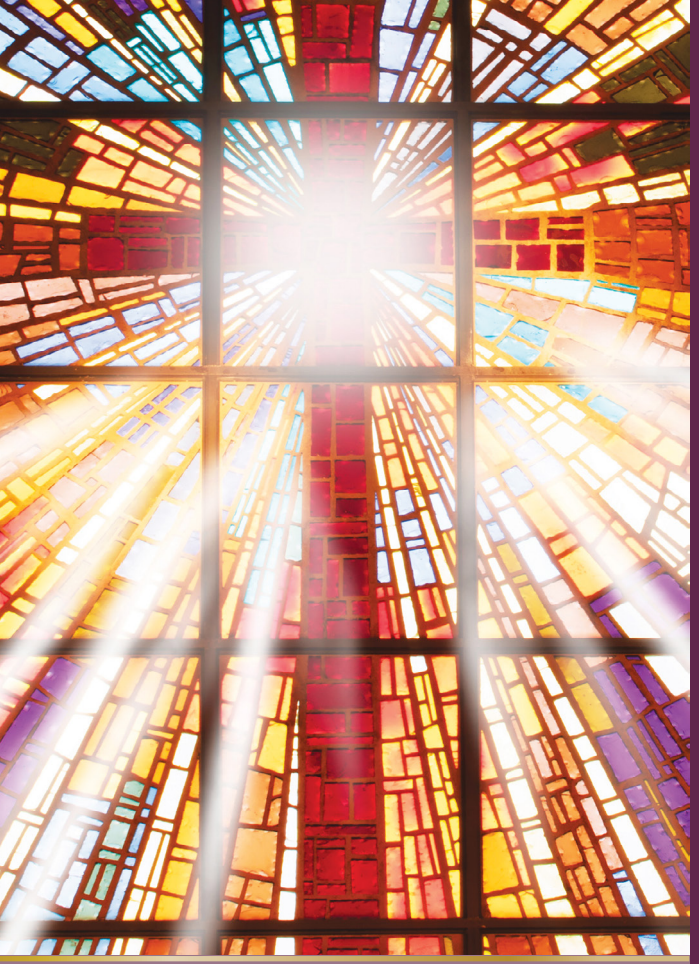

"Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy. To know the Lord means above all learning to entrust oneself to Him and to His providence, which is abundant in every vocation." – Pope Leo XIV

Every Christian blesses the Church when he or she faithfully strives to live out his or her vocation each day, for we are one body, but many parts that all work together in God's plan of Salvation!

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VOCATION?

GOD HAS A UNIQUE PLAN FOR YOU!

PRIESTHOOD?
CONSECRATED LIFE?
MARRIAGE?
SINGLE LIFE?

Vocations comes from the Latin word, *vocare*, which means 'to call.' Since it is a call, the question is not, 'What do I want do with my life?' but rather, 'What is God calling me to become?'

FOUR PATHS TO HOLINESS

1 Marriage - A Covenant of Love:

A husband and wife are called to reflect the faithful, fruitful love of Christ and His Church. Their permanent commitment, often blessed with children, becomes a daily path to holiness.

2 Priesthood (Holy Orders) - Shepherding the People of God:

Priests shepherd, teach, and sanctify the faithful. By administering the Sacraments–especially the Eucharist and Confession–and offering their lives in pastoral service, priests become a visible bridge between God and humanity. Their celibacy and obedience free them to be a universal father to the parish community.

3 Consecrated/Religious Life - A Radical Witness:

Religious brothers, sisters, monks, and nuns take the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. By stepping away from worldly accumulation, physical families, and self-determination, they offer a radical witness to the reality of Heaven. Their lives of intense prayer, contemplation, or active ministry remind the whole Church of our eternal destiny.

4 Single Life - A Quiet, Yet Powerful Witness:

Living as a committed single layperson offers the freedom and generosity to dedicate oneself deeply to God's kingdom and the service of one's neighbor. They have a unique opportunity for service, prayer and witness that bless the entire Body of Christ.