

Vocation Reflections

February 2023



School Sisters of Notre Dame

Blessed Theresa, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, reminds us:

“Love gives everything gladly, everything again and again, daily.” (Letter #1)

Risking in Faith: Following Jesus

Authentic discernment of a call to consecrated, married, ordained or single life within the Church can only emerge when rooted in relationship with Jesus. Naming and claiming a following of Jesus is the seedbed for a vocation. As you read the following words and take time with the reflection questions, may your connection to Jesus be strengthened and enlivened – and your discernment be clearer.

Scripture Reflections

The Call, Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.



Leaving Everything, Luke 5:11

¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Follow Me, Mark 10:21

²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money[c] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

Blessed Theresa of Jesus’ words

We must follow Jesus. (Letter #3)

May Jesus be the way you walk, the truth you follow, the life you lead. (Letter #714)

Before You, O Jesus, I am wholly determined to follow You alone: You, the totality of unending truth, holiness and happiness: You, the first and the last: You, God and the way to God. (Letter #1824)

For Reflection:

- Who is Jesus to you?
- What is your favorite gospel story? Why?
- What aspects of your life are most challenged by the words of Jesus?
- What does Jesus ask of you and what does he offer?
- What excites you about the idea of following Jesus? What, if anything, do you find a bit scary?
- The apostles followed immediately. What do you want your response to be?

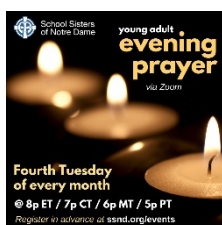
This month's vocation resource:

Read about "A Day in the life" of Sister Ivo Schoch who shares her faith journey with the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). <https://bit.ly/3YDSKM7>

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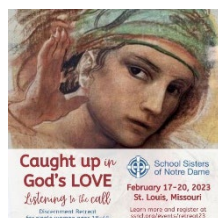
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Looking ahead



Online Evening Prayer

February 28, 2023
March 28, 2023
8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT



SSND Discernment Retreat

February 17-19, 2023
St. Louis, MO

Catholic Sisters Week

March 8-14, 2023

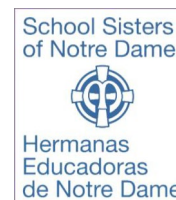
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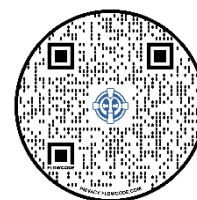
June 11-17, 2023

Whole Kids Outreach in Ellington, Missouri

Registration opens March 1.



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