

COURSE TITLE: Vocation  
COURSE LENGTH: 1 year  
COURSE CREDIT: 1 credit

COURSE TYPE: required  
GRADE LEVEL: 12  
PREREQUISITE: n/a

**COURSE GOALS:**

1. Students will be able to describe the various traditional states of life: marriage; committed single life; ordination of bishops, priests, and deacons; and the consecrated life.
2. Students will explain the Church's teaching regarding the sacrament of marriage; lifelong commitment; problems encountered in marriage and family life; celebration of the sacrament; education in healthy sexuality; challenges of social acceptance of cohabitation, homosexuality, abortion, a contraceptive mentality and divorce; and the grace to live the sacrament in faith and love.
3. Students will articulate the Church's teaching regarding the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the three degrees of Holy Orders, preparation for receiving the sacrament, the celebration of the sacrament, and the effects of the sacrament.
4. Students will list and describe some of the various forms of the consecrated life.
5. Students will be able to describe some of the rewards and challenges of the ordained and consecrated vocations.
6. Students will explain what is needed to choose and commit to each vocation.
7. Students will explain their vocation as a gift from God and something to which they commit for the sake of the kingdom.
8. Students will describe the purpose and responsibilities of each vocation.

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**COURSE CONTENT:**

1. Appreciating the call to chastity and the call to service in each vocation
2. Obedience to the teaching of Jesus and the Church in living one's vocation
3. The essentials of the various vocations
4. Personal intimacy and how it relates to physical intimacy
5. Important communication skills needed in any vocation
6. The discerning process of one's vocation through prayer, reflection, consultation, and spiritual direction
7. Practical and positive ways of coping with difficulties of marriage and divorce
8. The Church's teachings on divorce and annulment

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