

The words of the prophet Isaiah still are powerful to our time today: "I have called you by name; you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).

In a particular way the Lord Jesus, not only calls, but invites young men to consider the vocation to priesthood as a wonderful way of spending their life. It is clear that the Lord uses special people to extend this invitation so that our young people may truly hear His voice inviting them to consider a vocation. It was a blessing for me to experience the faith in the community that has had an influence in my own vocation to the priesthood. How important you are to the work of encouraging vocations. The Lord uses us as His instrument in planting the seed and inviting young people to consider a religious vocation.

I hope that you will take the initiative to support this program by prayerfully submitting the name(s) of any young man whom you feel might make a good priest on the response cards, which your parish will make available.

Thank you for all you do in support of the Church and vocations. Please pray for the continued success of this initiative and for all priests.

Sincerely in Christ,

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A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

QUALITIES DESIRED FOR A CANDIDATE TO THE PRIESTHOOD

HE:

Feels good about himself, has average to above average intelligence, and has good physical, mental and emotional health

Is willing to sacrifice personal or material gain for the service of the Gospel and the Church

Considers a personal relationship with God an important part of life

Forms and maintains healthy relationships with both men and women

Has an ability and willingness to talk about his faith life

Has the ability to lead and work with people of all ages

Has a desire to serve others and make a difference in people's lives

Enjoys life, people, and has a sense of humor

Is recognized as being approachable

Recognizes the importance of the Church

You will be asked to give us the name of someone whom you feel possesses these qualities as a possible candidate for priesthood. Response cards will be available in church and can be submitted throughout the year.

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