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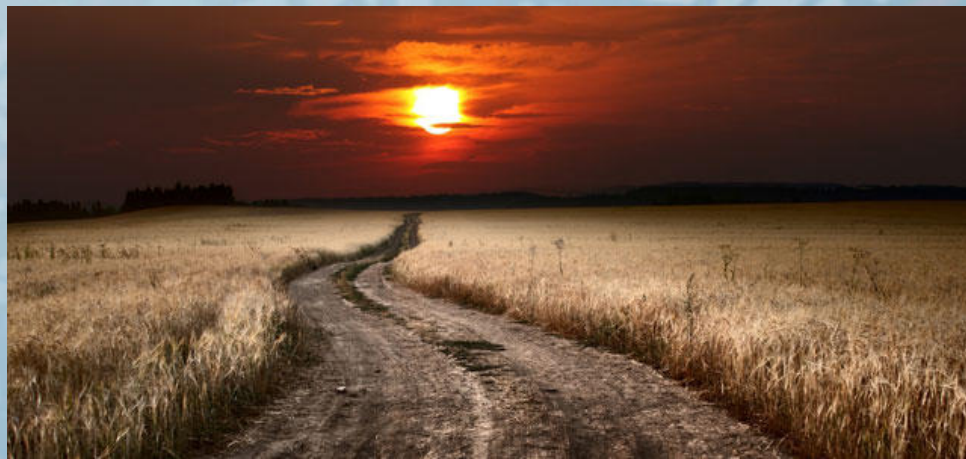
# STEWARDSHIP OF VOCATIONS

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
Vocations Committee

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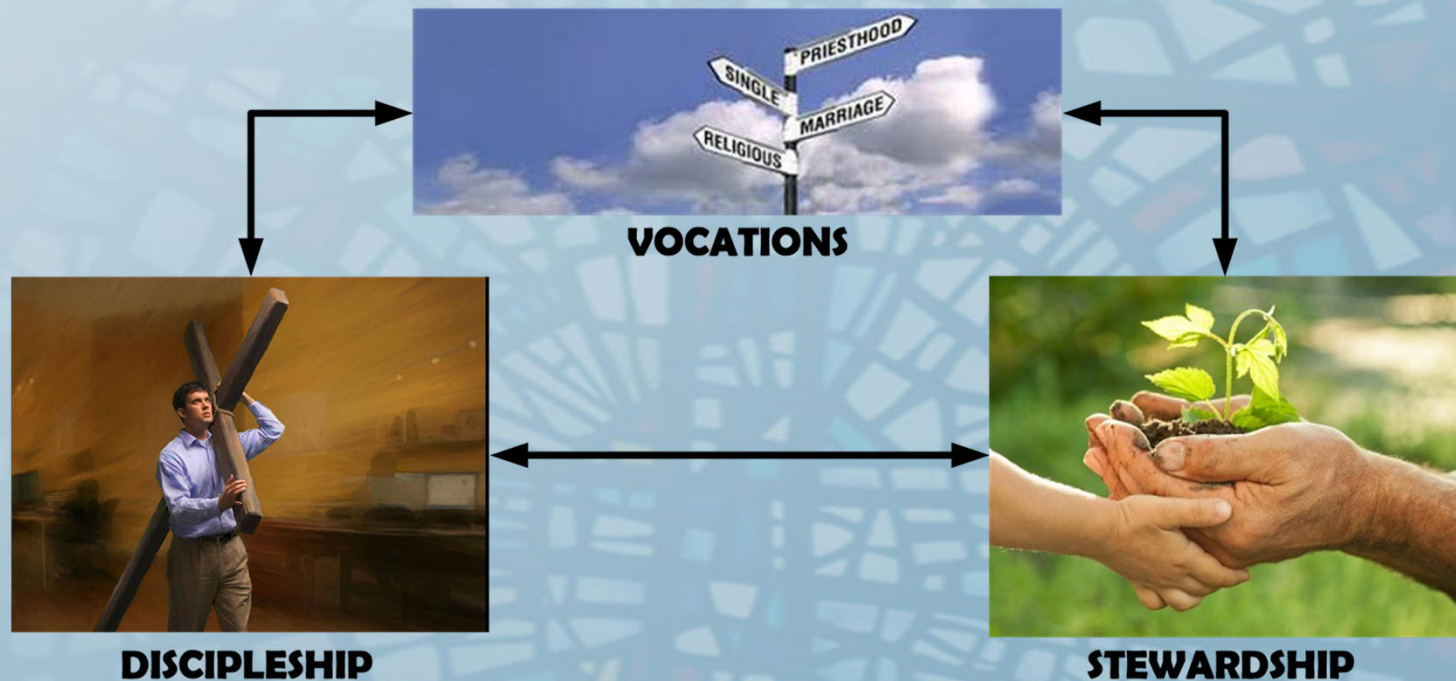
# Let Us Pray

Lord God, Your light is the only light I need  
as I travel through life's mystery  
Your word the only voice I hear  
that still small voice that leads me  
to the place where I should be  
Your presence is the only company I need  
as I walk this narrow road  
Your fellowship the warmth I crave  
to help me on my way. - Amen



# Purpose

The purpose of this presentation is to show that Stewardship, Discipleship, and Vocations are closely linked. If one is living life faithfully and in grace, you can't have one without the other.



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# St. Pius X Catholic Church Vision Statement

“To increase the disciples of  
Jesus Christ within our parish  
and community”.

# Discipleship

A Catholic Disciple is one who responds to the call of Jesus, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Jesus's life. Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option.

***Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Mt 16:24***



# Stewardship

**A Catholic Steward is one who:**

- Receives God's gifts gratefully
- Cultivates them responsibly
- Shares them lovingly in justice with others
- Returns them with increase to God

***But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from You, and what we give is what we have from You. Ch 29:14***



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# What is Stewardship

Let's consider what stewardship is not.

It's not an activity – It's an attitude

It's not a way to raise money – it's a way to attain holiness

It's not just a decision of the head – It requires a conversion of the heart

It's not a topic to learn – It is a process of becoming

It's not the latest fad – It is biblically based

It's not an option – It is integral to our Catholic faith

It's not another thing to do – It is why and how we do what we do

It's not about our generosity – It is about our response to God's generosity

Stewardship is what we do after we say, "We Believe!" and the realization that Stewardship is not a program, but . . . A Way of Life!

# The call of Stewardship

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. These linked realities, discipleship and stewardship, then make up the fabric of a Christian life, in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord.





# Disciples as Stewards

## Discipleship and Stewardship have these associations:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Disciples experience conversion – lifelong changes – of mind and heart – and commit their very selves to Jesus.
- Stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives.



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# Giving back in Gratitude

We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

- Stewards of Creation—Respecting life, protecting the environment and developing our world through noble human labor.
- Stewards of Vocation—Faithfully carrying out our unique individual roles in God's plan.
- Stewards of the Church—Prayerfully sharing our time, talent and treasure to fulfill the mission of the parish, diocese and Universal Church.

# The Disciple's Vocation

The Catholic vocation is essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus. Stewardship is part of that.



# Responding to the Call

- Jesus not only calls people to him but also forms them and sends them out in his service.
- Each of us must discern, accept and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities, and roles to which God calls us.





# RESPOND

- R** – Realize that God has a plan for you from all eternity.
- E** – Experience some solitude
- S** – Surrender your life in total trust.
- P** – Pray daily to discover God’s plan and receive the courage to do it.
- O** – Overcome obstacles on your way to God. If you want to follow God’s call, you will encounter various obstacles.
- N** – Nourish your vocation by talks with someone you trust.
- D** – Devote yourself to Our Lady.

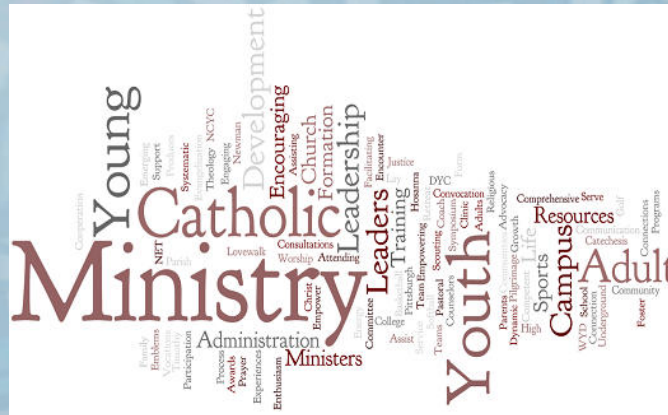


# Various Vocations

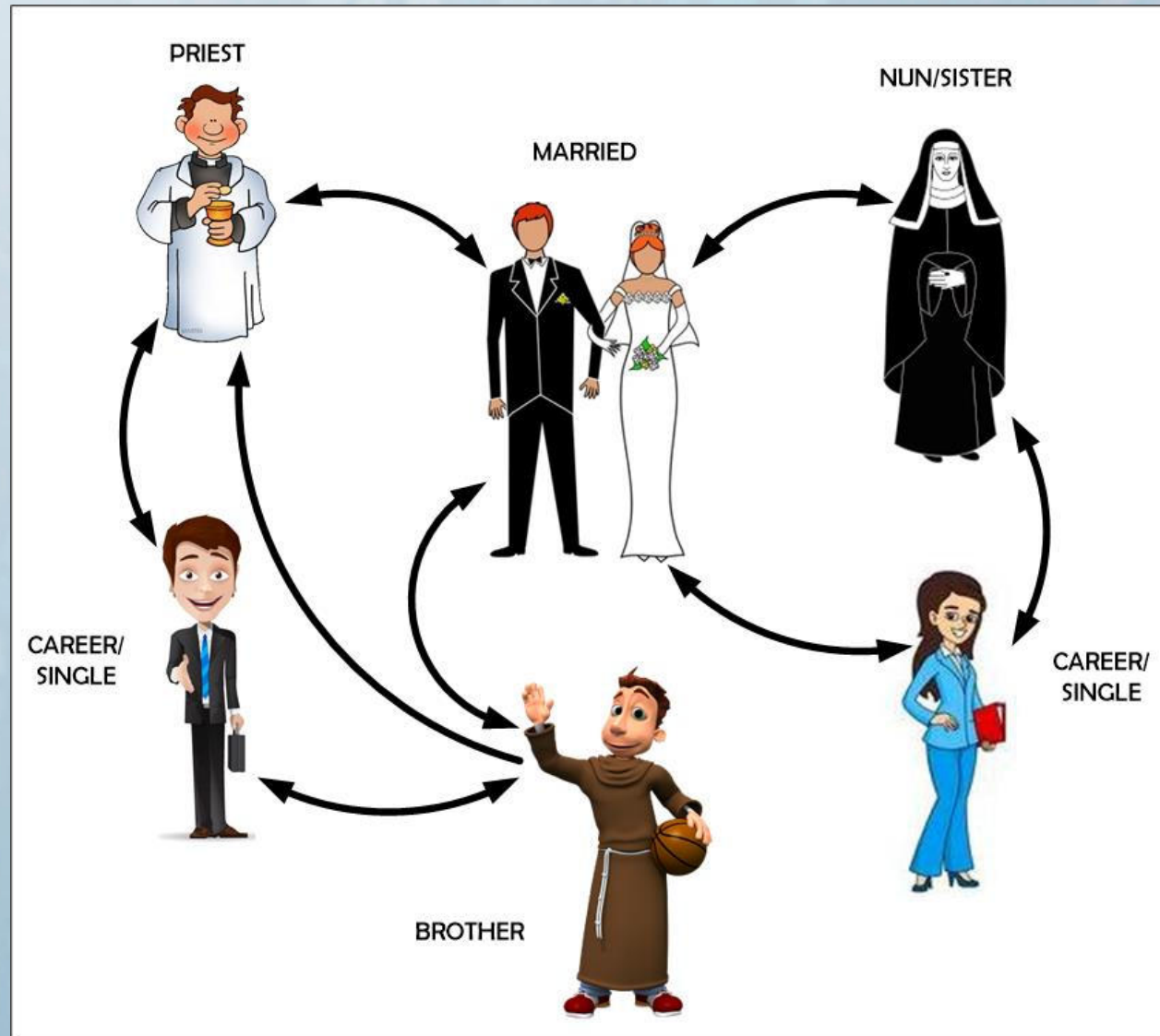
The reality is that vocations come in all shapes and sizes. One size definitely does not fit all.



Just as in life, where vocations are vast and varied, in the Church there are many opportunities for service.



# Life changes affect Vocations







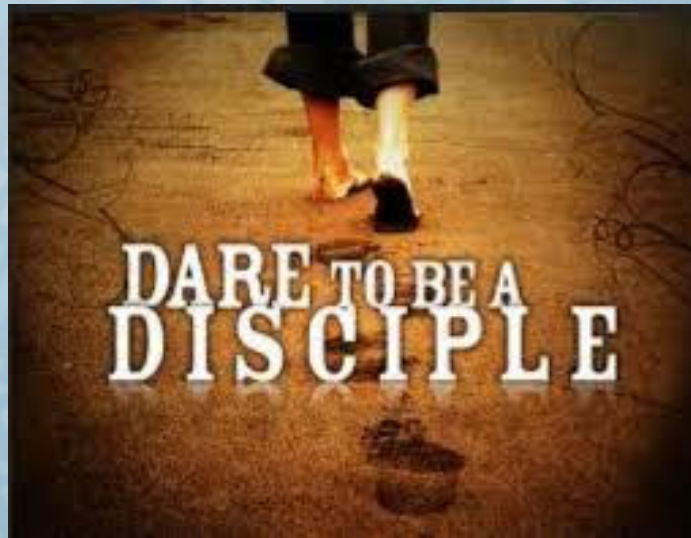
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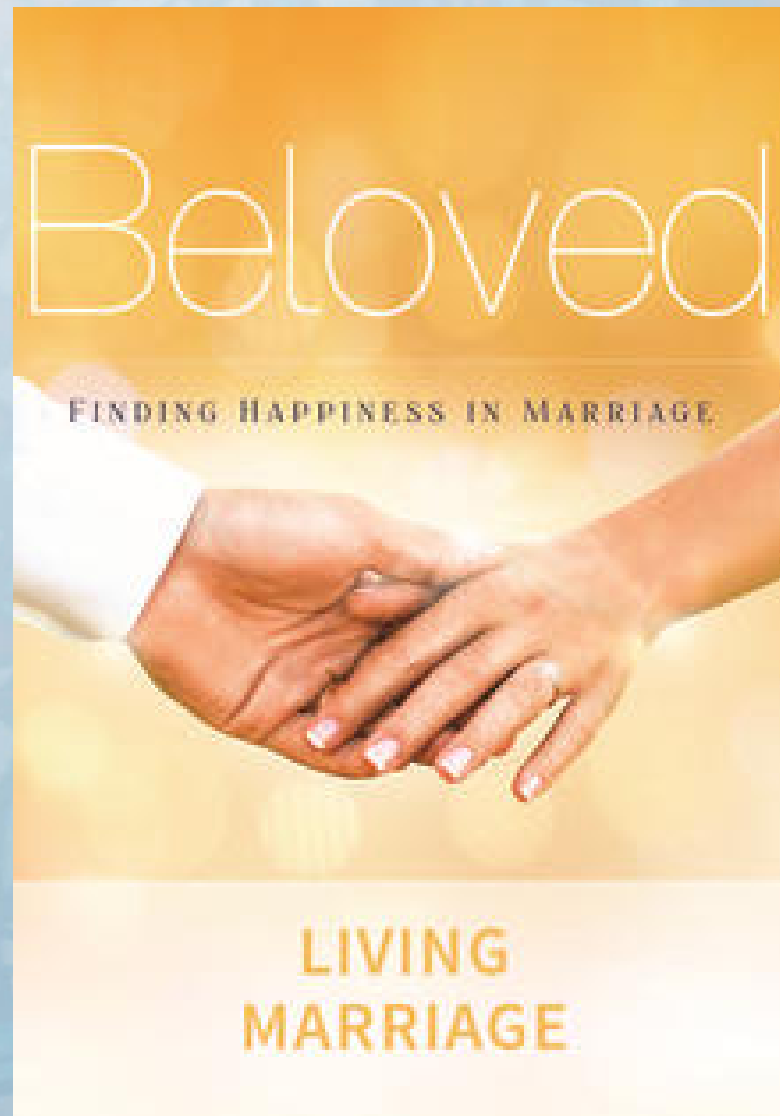
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