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Marriage and Holy Orders
Directed Reading Guide
Unit 1 God is Calling You
Chapter 2: God's Plan for Your Life

Directions: Read the assigned pages for each section and fill in the missing information. All the answers are found in sequential order as you read.

Finding a Calling

Read pages 40-42

1. What does the Latin word *vocare*, from which the word vocation is taken, translate into?
2. How does the laity seek the Kingdom of God?
3. Priestly and religious vocations are dedicated to the _____ of the Church.
 - a. Bishops and their helper priests are entrusted with _____, sanctifying, and _____ the Church in the name of Christ.
 - b. Religious sisters, brothers, and priests live out their promises of _____, poverty and _____ and of engaging in missionary work as directed by their _____
4. Part of the formula for determining our life's calling is easy to decipher. What is that part?
5. What are the four characteristics common to any vocation according to James VanOosting?

Journeying to Perfection

Read pages 43-47

1. What are some examples of broad life decisions involving a particular Christian vocation?
2. True/False? Any undue concern about your future should be eliminated when you come to an understanding that God is in control of your life and that God only wants the best for you.
3. What is divine providence?
4. True/False? We should trust that our heavenly Father will take care of our "bigger" needs but not our smaller day-to-day needs.

5. True/False? Following God's will for our lives brings us blessings and holiness.
6. True/False/? God's Kingdom will reach its fullness only at the end of time, so we should not work for it right now.
7. What reflections did Saint Claude de la Columbiere share on how to pray for God's will for our lives?

Discernment through the Ways of Prayer

Read pages 47-53

1. What are some of the ways of prayer Jesus modeled?
2. True/False? Jesus prayed before most of the important decisions of his life.
3. What are three different ways we can express our prayer?
4. _____ is the name for a process of prayer that incorporates many types of prayer.
 - a. It calls us to look at all sides of a decision, considering many _____
 - b. It involves praying over a decision, asking for the _____ of the Holy Spirit, and finally actually making a decision, acting on it, and _____ it.
5. What do you need to have sensitivity to when beginning any discernment process?
6. What is the purpose of centering prayer?
7. What are sources of prayer?
8. True/False? If you make centering prayer a habit, you will be better able to think about your life and describe how you feel about a variety of your experiences.
9. At your age and stage in life, what is the intention in discerning your lifelong vocation?
10. Name three steps based in the Ignatian model that can help you on the way to a Christian vocation.
11. Seminarians are _____ who attend a _____ or school focusing on _____ in training and formation for the life of a _____

12. Religious novices are _____ or _____ who have entered a religious _____ but have yet to take their final _____
13. True/False? Discernment is really a prayerful pondering or deliberation of the few options available to you in life.
14. What should your goal be as you weigh the advantages and disadvantages of each option?

Exploring Christian Vocations

Read pages 54-61.

1. Holy Orders and Matrimony are mainly directed to the _____ and salvation of _____.
 - a. Those who are ordained are appointed to _____ others by sharing God's _____ and grace with the whole Church in _____ name.
 - b. Those who are married help one another attain _____ and they pass on the faith to their _____ thereby extending the People of God well into the _____
 - c. Because of their focus on others these sacraments are called Sacraments at the _____ of Communion.
2. How do lay people live out Christ's mission as priest, prophet and king?
3. What is the main reason the single life is not often thought to be a permanent Christian vocation?
4. True/False? The single life is not an authentic and valuable vocation
5. What are some of the reasons a person might choose to remain single according to the Catechism?
6. What are some of the benefits of a vocation to the single life, both for the single person and for the Church?
 - a. Without the responsibilities of marriage or religious life, single people can have a _____ devotion to their _____
 - b. Single persons have a greater opportunity for _____ and _____ that is often translated to a deep prayer life.
 - c. Single people have the time to develop _____ in creative areas that improve the equality of life in the world for all.
 - d. Because they are not committed to any one person, single persons are free to _____

7. True/False? Money problems are probably the greatest challenge faced by single persons.
8. Why is living a chaste life difficult in this day and age for single adults?
9. What are some of the characteristics a person who decides on a vocation to the single life should have?
10. What is the definition of consecrated life?
11. What commitment have those who follow the call to the consecrated life made?
12. True/False? Religious are both men and women, lay people and ordained.
13. Traditional ways the consecrated life is practiced in the Church include living in _____ with others (sisters or brothers). This is the type of consecrated life that we commonly describe as “_____”

 - a. Other styles of consecrated life include an _____ lifestyle as a hermit, taking a vow as consecrated _____ or widow, or participating in a secular _____ of consecrated life or a society of _____ life.
14. True/False? The most common characteristic of religious life is belonging to a community.
15. What is the difference between active and contemplative forms of religious life?
16. What are female religious contemplatives known as? What are male religious contemplatives known as?
17. What do contemplative religious center their lives around?
18. Consecrated lifestyles that do not require a person to be a fully professed member of a religious community:
 - a. Consecrated _____, women who live a life of perpetual _____ but remain lay women and support themselves.
 - b. Secular _____ are forms of consecrated life for single lay people and diocesan _____. They profess the evangelical counsels but do not take _____ and do not live in community.

- c. Societies of _____ life whose members do not take public vows but engage in many good works for the _____

19. Give an example of a consecrated virgin and a society of apostolic life.

20. The stages of formation for the consecrated life include:

- a. Postulancy: the _____ stage in which the candidate lives with the _____. The person is called a _____
- b. Novitiate. After a period of about _____, the candidate progresses to a more intensive time of study. Period typically last for _____ years.
- c. Temporary Profession: Makes temporary vows which are renewed _____ for up to _____ years.
- d. Perpetual vows: Make a public, _____ profession of religious consecration.

21. Marriage is a vocation founded by God with what intention?

22. True/False? Marriage is modeled on Christ's union with the Father.

23. What helps us to imagine and prepare for marriage?

24. What are the practical things you can do now to prepare for a possible vocation to marriage? Work on:

- a. _____ and Honor. Demand giving other people their _____ and acknowledging their worth and _____
- b. Listening: Good _____ involves excellent listening skills.
- c. Commitment: Marriage demands _____ and unbroken commitment.
- d. Chastity: In marriage a husband and wife are faithful to each other _____. For you, chastity means refraining from _____ until marriage.
- e. Love: Married people have a particular, _____ love for one another. You can prepare for it by cultivating an exclusive and deep love for God through _____, works of charity, and love for your _____, including your _____

25. Some of the signs that a man is being called to priesthood may include:

- a. Other _____ telling him he would make a good _____
- b. A desire to _____

- c. Going to _____ more than usual and imagining himself as _____
- d. Trying out some of the _____ associated with priesthood.

26. What are the three degrees the sacrament of Holy Orders is received in?

27. How do ordained ministers serve the Church?

Christian Discipleship: Serve One Another

Read pages 62-66

1. What is the great secret in the Gospel of Mark known as?
2. What are the conditions of being a disciple according to Jesus?
3. During Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, what does Jesus teach us it means to be a disciple?
4. Briefly explain how Matt Talbot lived as a disciple of Jesus.
5. How did Fr. Timothy Vakoc accept suffering even to the point of death?
6. How does Gigi McMillan serve others?
7. As you mature in faith, what are you challenged to put aside?
8. What are some suggestions for growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ?