

Chapter 5  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
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Universal Call to Holiness

*In this assignment students need access to the following worksheet where they will reflect on the call to holiness in the modern world. Special attention will be given to the call to holiness at their particular stage in life.*

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In the relief sculpture *The Universal Call to Holiness*, we see the Holy Spirit drawing people of all ages, nationalities, and genders to holiness. We can push the call to holiness off on other people, like priests, religious, or those besides ourselves we deem holy. Or sometimes we say that “I am too young - what good can I do anyway?” But God calls all of us to follow him radically at whatever age. You are called right now to live out the difficult call of the Gospel.

But how do we do this? In the chart below you will find several places in Scripture in which Jesus calls his followers to a higher standard of holiness. Read each passage. Answer what it is that Jesus is calling you to do. Then tell a real and practical way you can answer is call.

<b>Call to Holiness in Scripture</b>	<b>What is the <i>action</i> I am called to?</b>	<b>How can I practically live out this call today?</b>
Luke 6:36  Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.		
Matthew 5:44  Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.		
Matthew 6:33  Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.		
Luke 9:23  If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.		