

Introduction

discernment The process of discovering what God wants of you in a given situation.

free will The capacity to choose among alternatives. Free will is “the power, rooted in reason and will . . . to perform deliberate actions on one’s own responsibility” (CCC, 1731). True freedom is at the service of what is good and true.

fruits of the Holy Spirit “The perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the ‘first fruits’ of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church identifies twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity ‘ (CCC, Glossary)

primary vocation (state of life) The specific path God has for someone on his path to holiness. Primary vocations are marked by vows and/or a sacrament. The traditionally-recognized primary vocations are marriage, priesthood, and the consecrated life.

vocation The calling or destiny one has in this life and hereafter.