



Catholic Diocese of Youngstown *Office of Vocations*

QUALITIES TO LOOK FOR IN A YOUNG PERSON WHO MAY HAVE A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE

As one of the faithful you may be the way by which a young man or woman is able to hear God's call. When you recognize some of the following characteristics in a person, have the courage to approach him or her and invite that person to consider a calling to the religious life or the priesthood.

Such qualities include, but are not limited to:

- An ability to help others and to relate well with peers and adults.
- A growing relationship with God that is demonstrated through prayer, service to others, and involvement in parish ministry.
- Is a believing, practicing member of a Catholic community.
- Has a gift of leadership that draws others in and promotes a spirit of collaborative teamwork which affirms and challenges.
- Courage to take a stand to "do the right thing", even when it is not popular.
- Exhibits good intelligence and has done well academically.
- Has a thirst to know Christ and wants to bring His teachings to the world
- A witness to others by word, action and deed on how to live as a disciple of Christ.
- A concern for issues that affects others, such social justice and peace. A willingness to serve to help right these issues.
- Demonstrates good people skills, lives with a sense of hope and joy, and possesses a good sense of humor.
- The young person is dependable and trustworthy.
- Lives as a good Christian man or woman who shows stability in his or her lifestyle.
- Others see in the young man or woman the potential for a calling to the priesthood or religious life.