**‘On Vocation’**

***Inspirational quotes about vocation***

**Vocations Sunday – Sunday 11 May 2014**

“Each of you has a personal vocation which He has given you for your own joy and sanctity. When a person is conquered by the fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him and give Him the best of ourselves. This is what the saints have always done, spreading the light of the Lord ... and transforming the world into a welcoming home for everyone.”
 [**Pope Benedict XVI**](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/4905855.Pope_Benedict_XVI)

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Saint John Marie Vianney**

“Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.”

 **Mother Teresa**

“The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus!  No one can see Christ; but everyone sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord!  Immense is the grandeur of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest!” *(Rome, Italy, October 13, 1979)*
 **Saint John Paul II**

“If we had faith, we would see God hidden in the priest like a light behind glass, like wine mixed with water.”
 **Saint John Marie Vianney**

“It is not a time to be lamenting; it is a time to be rising to the challenge with courage and Christian enthusiasm.”

 **Archbishop Diarmuid Martin**

“The Christian must be a luminous person, who brings light, who always gives light! … A light that is not his or hers, but rather a gift from God, and a gift from Jesus. And we bring this light. If the Christian allows this light to be extinguished, his life no longer has meaning; he is a Christian by name only. It is God himself who gives us this light, and we offer it to others. Shining lamps! This is the Christian vocation”.

 **Pope Francis**

“We need young men too, especially young men who will have the courage to say ‘yes’ to the call of Christ, and follow him as priests.”

 **Archbishop Charles J Brown, Papal Nuncio to Ireland**

 "Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilize the soil ever so richly, it will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains."

 **Saint John Marie Vianney**

“Wherever there is life, fervour and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations will arise.” (*Evangelii Gaudium* 107)

  **Pope Francis**

“We should never lose faith in God’s power to raise up women and men in every age who are living and courageous witnesses to his love. Our challenge is to have the courage and the faith to invite those we believe and who may have received that call to come forward and to discern with the Church what the Lord asks of them.”

 **Cardinal Seán Brady**

“Vocations are born in prayer and prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit….”

  **Pope Francis**

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