St Francis of Assisi Parish



REFLECTION

THREEFOLD VOCATION

Vocation is a call from God to humans, assigning them roles according to their status of life:

CALL TO PRIESTHOOD. From ancient times men and women have been called to serve God as leaders of homage and worship in the name of the people. They are chosen from among them, consecrated by God himself and sent to a particular place to fulfill the plan of God.

CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE: From ancient times, people have been inspired by God to go into desert places to spend time in prayer and penance, mostly in silence, which helps them to be united to God in Spirit. Life becomes full of sacrifices of many kinds and life ends with full union with God and Divinity. As part of religious life, some activity of teaching and education is given to a chosen few, so that people of God may know the right way to live and go towards fulfilling the role God intends to them to play.

CALL TO THE LAITY: From the time of creation all are called to do the will of God. All are called to believe in God, to know him deeper and to worship him and serve him in all possible ways. It is a general Vocation of everyone. Once knowledge of God is perfected and faith is strengthened one is called to worship God and engage himself in the service of God as a Disciple who follows the Master God in his footsteps. A Christian disciple is one who follows the Lord Jesus, taking up his daily cross and follows in his footsteps reflecting Him in all his activities and life.

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