

# Is God calling you?

## DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

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“For someone who is discerning the priesthood, I would recommend you build a consistent life of prayer. The task of a priest is being able to share Christ with others. Every action that you do as a priest directly flows from your life of prayer so be close with Christ and the rest will naturally fall into place.”

~ Bao Duong, *Pre-Theology II, Archdiocese of Cincinnati*



“If you come to a point where you aren’t sure why you are called to the priesthood, but you still feel called, this is not always a bad thing. You should not limit your discernment to reason alone, therefore your discernment at times may seem unreasonable. There will always be a certain leap of faith when a person is discerning, and though the way may not always be clear to you at that moment, the Holy Spirit may be calling you to simply trust and to keep going.”

~ Rev. Mr. Daniel Gormley, *IV Theology, Diocese of Tulsa*

“One has to pray – that is you must develop a relationship with God, ask Him for guidance, and take time to listen in exterior and interior silence. Without this foundation of relationship and trust, discernment will be a difficult path.”

~ Adam Berning, *Pastoral Internship, Archdiocese of Cincinnati*



“Give God the opportunity to show you the plan he has for you. Going into seminary does not mean you will be a priest. You go to seminary to discern if God is calling you to be priest. So, do not be afraid to give God a chance. He is the best friend man can have because he will never, ever abandon you or leave you alone, but on the contrary he will always be with you. He is the reason of your desire to follow him. Take the next step, you will not regret it.”

~ Rev. Mr. Leonardo Morales, *IV Theology, Diocese of Tulsa*

“Strive to grow in relationship with Jesus and learn to trust Him in the large and small matters of life. Then don’t be afraid to take a concrete step and allow the Lord to give you feedback. He longs for you to flourish in your vocation more than you want to know it.”

~ Daniel Jasek, *I Theology*, Archdiocese of Cincinnati



“My advice for anyone discerning priesthood is to be totally sincere with God. Don’t be afraid to tell Him what you want and what you need. He always gives the latter, and if you are patient enough, you will likely get the former as well.”

~ Michael Laws, *Pre-Theology I*, Diocese of Toledo

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