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CALLED TO VOCATION

Unit Focus: Students are encouraged to reflect upon the nature of their own vocation and how Catholics are nourished and sustained as they reach out to serve others.

Lesson Focus/Aim: To assist the students to develop their understanding of vocation (Catholic Church).

Students are challenged to:

- Make choices as a response to God's call.
- Reach out and minister to others.

In class: Students have explored the term 'commitment' (use of an example such as a sporting or musical activity etc). The examples of St John Vianney, St Monica and Father Chris Riley (Youth Off the Streets) have been used to help illustrate how committed Catholics live.

Family supplement activity: Students are encouraged to research their Baptism (or birth) name and Confirmation name to see who their patron saint is.

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Vocation is a word which describes a person's work, especially one which demands a special commitment: marriage, priesthood, religious life or a deep commitment to a profession like nursing or teaching.

The Catholic Church honours people who have answered a call from God to live their life a certain way. These people are known as saints. Most people have a name that is either the name of a saint or one that has been derived from the name of a saint. Many people take an extra name (of a saint) when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Research your Baptism (or birth) name and/or your Confirmation name to see who your patron saint is or check out as many saints as you can.

If you have the internet at home, log onto www.catholic.org/saints (Saints and Angels). Select this and be surprised by the thousands of names that appear on this site.



If you can find your name, write down something that you like about that saint.

Name one thing about your saint that reminds you of yourself or someone else.

Have you ever had a sense of being called to do something?



Class Vocations Prayer:

God, you call people from all walks of life to vocations. We pray that we will listen with our hearts when you call on us to do something that is good for another person. Thank you for our SRE (Special Religious Education) teachers who have answered the call to teach us about you. Thank you for those who love us and who are committed to caring for us. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.