

## BRIEF VOCATIONAL EXAM

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Do I feel called to give myself more to God and to serve others? Does the possibility of being all for God give me joy?

Does the idea of being a religious appear regularly in my heart and mind, especially during times of prayer?

Does it give me more satisfaction to serve in works of the Lord – small as they may be – than to have professional success?

Do I feel great desires of being with the Lord in prayer and growing in profound communion with Him?

Do I have a great ardor for all to know God's love and live His Word?

Do I accept and persevere through the sacrifices that are involved in following the Will of God, not allowing them to stop me?

Am I ready to leave all – family, work, relationships, etc. – for love of God and His plan for my life?

Does life in community – sharing my life, spirituality, and apostolate with other sisters – attract me?

Do I feel the desire to know better the Catholic faith and to live it in plenitude?

Do I feel that there is something “more” that the Lord wants from me?

Do I have the interior perception that soon I will have to make an important decision for my life?

Do I desire to ask priests or religious about their vocations, how they received and discerned them?

Do I feel a desire to know the Will of God for my life and respond to it?

If you have answered “yes” to several of these questions, it could be indicative of a possible religious vocation. Do not ignore this indication, but instead try to deepen your search for the will of the Lord with appropriate spiritual direction or guidance, vocational counseling, etc.

***You may also wish to see the booklet of 33 questions regarding vocations to the Religious Life  
"Joyfully and Serenely"***

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