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PURPOSE CONFIRMATION MARCH FAMILY SESSION

This month we are focusing on Primary Vocations and the related Sacraments of Holy Orders and Marriage. **Submit a picture of both pages for credit to youth@saintgabrielschurch.com with your name legible and in the email! This session is due by April 7, 2024.**

To sign up for a free account on Formed, visit www.formed.org/signup and search for St. Gabriel as you parish.

Opening Prayer - *Suscipe from St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

READ & WATCH

1. Watch the video "I Will Follow" on Youtube.
2. Watch My Vocation Story from Sr. Miriam James Heidland on Youtube
3. In your Catechism, read paragraphs #1536, 1547, and 1618-1620.
4. In your Bible, read Tobit 8:4-8
5. Watch "What is Marriage?" on Formed from *The Search Continues*
6. In your Catechism, read paragraphs #1601, 1602, 1604-1608.



I Will Follow

PARENT NOTE

If you find yourself in a relationship that is not a marriage blessed by the Church (remarried without annulment, civilly married but not Sacramentally, or cohabitation without marriage), our parish would be happy to assist you in the process of receiving this Sacrament and of returning to Full Communion with the Church. In this, your witness and relationship become a sign of God's love for the Church, and you receive specific graces to live out this vocation!

Please contact the Parish Office (858) 748-5348 or office@saintgabrielschurch.com.

DISCUSSION

1. Parents: What do you want for your children in their life?

2. Parents: How would you respond if your teen decided to discern priesthood or religious life?

3. Teens: What can your parents do to help you be open to discerning God's call in your life?



What is Marriage?

Sr. Miriam James



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THE SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE

Both Marriage and Holy Orders are meant to be Vocations that allow us to be a gift of ourselves to the world and Church around us, this is why they are classified as Sacraments of Service. The qualities they point us toward are a sign of the Trinity, a love freely given that brings for life and reconciles the world to God. Jesus's sacrifice on the Cross exemplifies a love that is free, total, fruitful, and faithful.

Describe some of the similarities you can recognize between Marriage and Priesthood/Religious Life in the way they can reflect the love of God and be a gift of self:

In your current state (as a student, child, sibling, etc.) what are some concrete ways you can be a gift of self to the people you encounter right now? Be specific.

Describe one thing that stood out from each of the three videos from the front page:

Write a letter to one of the priests assigned to our community (Fr. Michael or Fr. Pat) thanking them for their vocation and describing how you have experienced the love of God through their vocation. Submit your card or note to the Parish Office, Youth Office, Faith Formation Office, or drop it off at a Confirmation session so we can give it to them!

**SEND IN A PICTURE OF BOTH PAGES +
A PICTURE OF YOUR LETTER TO A PRIEST,
WITH YOUR NAME CLEARLY LEGIBLE!**