



# Vocations

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### From Bishop Burbidge:

"I encourage all the faithful to be open to and discern God's call for your life. In your vocation, and through God's grace, you will find profound joy and peace."

—Statement for World Day  
of Prayer for Vocations

## Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In his message for the 2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis invites us all to Listen, Discern and Live our faith and our vocation:

### LISTEN

"God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. ... We need to learn how to listen carefully to His word and the story of his life, but also to be attentive to the details of our own daily lives, in order to learn how to view things with the eyes of faith, and to keep ourselves open to the surprises of the Spirit."

### DISCERN

"In the same way, each of us can discover his or her own vocation only through spiritual discernment. ... Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to 'read within' his or her life, and to understand where and to what he or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission."

### LIVE

"Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous 'yes,' nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us."



Read the Pope's full message at <https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations.index.html>

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# HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A VOCATION TO RELIGIOUS LIFE?



**Brother Aaron Richardson, OFM**  
Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans)



**Allison Gliot (Postulant)**  
Daughters of St. Paul



**Sister Anna Joy Tipton, OP**  
Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia



**Rev. Mr. Aquinas Beale, OP**  
Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph



**Benjamin King Miles Christi**



**Deacon Benjamin Norman**  
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest



**Bradley Stalcup, C.S.C.**  
Congregation of the Holy Cross



**Brother Brendan Baran, OP**  
Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph



**Brother Brian Vaccaro, CSSR**  
Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)



**Brithany Bustillo (Aspirant)**  
Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco (FMA)



**Sister Caroline Caritas, SV**  
Sisters of Life



**Brother Collin Kourtz, OFM Cap.**  
Capuchin Franciscan Friars



**Sister Dolores Peter of Jesus Crucified, OCD**  
Order of Discalced Carmelites



**Sister Elizabeth Marie, OP**  
St. Dominic's Monastery, Linden, VA



**Eneyda Martinez (Novice)**  
Poor Sisters of St. Joseph



**Sister Eunice Teresa of the Divine Mercy, OCD**  
Order of Discalced Carmelites



**Genaro Flores, MSP**  
Missionaries of St. Paul (Paulists)



**Sister Grace Augustine Heisler, Carmel DCJ**  
Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus



**Sister Immaculata Scheidler, CSJ**  
Apostolic Sisters of St. John



**Rev. Mr. Irenaeus Dunlevy, OP**  
Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph



**Brother John Baptist, OSB**  
Order of St. Benedict, Silverstream Priory, Ireland



**Sister John Frances LaFever, FSE**  
Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist



**Sister Kathryn Teresa, IHM**  
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



**Sister Lisa Ruth of St. Therese, OCD**  
Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles



**Sister Mara, OCD**  
Order of Discalced Carmelites



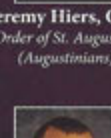
**Sister Margaret Horiuchi (Postulant)**  
St. Dominic's Monastery, Linden, VA



**Sister Marguerite of the Holy Trinity (Novice)**  
Carmel of St. Therese of Lisieux, Loreto, PA



**Sister Marie Benedict Elliott, FSE**  
Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist



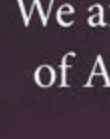
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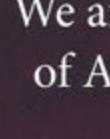
**Brother Joseph Rice, nLC**  
Legionaries of Christ



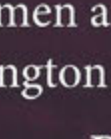
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Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia



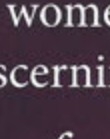
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Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist



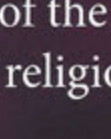
**Sister Mary Grace of Jesus, OP**  
St. Dominic's Monastery, Linden, VA



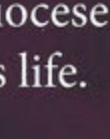
**Sister Mary Joseph Wittman, OP**  
Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia



**Sister Mary Peter Ryan, FSE**  
Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist



**Sister Mary Rose Gallaher, SHM**  
Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother



**Sister Miriam Fidelis, RSM**  
The Religious Sisters of Mercy, Alma, MI



**Nicholas Albin, SJ**  
Society of Jesus (Jesuits)



**Brother Paul Marich (Novice)**  
Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph



**Sister Philomena Luke of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, CFR**  
Franciscan Sister of the Renewal



**Sister Regina Knight (Postulant)**  
St. Dominic's Monastery, Linden, VA



**Brother Sa' I Soriano, OFM Cap.**  
Capuchin Franciscan Friars



**Sister Stephanie Gabriel, IHM**  
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



**Teko G. Teko-Agbo, OMI**  
Oblates of Mary Immaculate



**Sister Teresa Joy Berry (Novice)**  
Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia



**Sister Theresa Francesca Tolpa, SV**  
Sisters of Life



**William Manaker, SJ**  
Society of Jesus (Jesuits)



**Brother Paul Marich (Novice)**  
Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph

# JOIN US

We are men and women of the Diocese of Arlington discerning religious life.

*Pray for us.*



**Sister Jeanne D'Arc Paquette, FSE**  
Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist



**Jeremy Hiers, OSA**  
Order of St. Augustine (Augustinians)



**Brother John Francis, CSJ**  
Brothers of St. John



**John Killackey, FSSP**  
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

### Not pictured:

- Sister Aimée of the Child Jesus, OCD - Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Brother Brendan O'Reiley, CP - Congregation of the Passion of Jesus (Passionists)
- Sister Christine Hadford (Postulant) - Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Daniel De Paola (Postulant) - Order of St Benedict (Clear Creek Monastery)
- Diana Aquino (Aspirant) - Poor Sisters of St. Joseph
- Brother Hugh Gore, OSB - Order of St Benedict (Clear Creek Monastery)

- Sister Jacinta of the Immaculate Heart (Novice) - Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Brother John McFadden, OSB - Order of St Benedict (Clear Creek Monastery)
- Sister Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart (Novice) - Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Sister Maria Thalassa Davidson, SSVM - Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará
- Sister Mary Johanna of the Holy Spirit, PCC - Order of St. Clare (Poor Clares)
- Brother Maximus Marie Kennedy, O.Cart. - Carthusian Order
- Rachel Ward, SSVM - Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará

This list includes those in formation for religious life from the Diocese of Arlington as of January 27, 2018. If you know someone who would appreciate being included on this list, please contact the Office of Vocations.

# The Ministry of Discernment

Fr. Michael Isenberg is the newest face in the Office of Vocations

Fr. Michael Isenberg is on a new mission in the Diocese of Arlington. He's traveling to campuses and helping young people answer the big question, "Where is God calling me?"

He's not just there for vocational discernment: marriage, the priesthood, or religious life. He wants to help young people grow in their relationship with the Lord and be led every day through His grace.

"You don't pull out your GPS when you get to the destination," Fr. Isenberg said, "You pull it out before you leave! The daily Gospel reading is short. Start your day with it, and meditate on a word or phrase. Ask yourself, 'How does that impact me today?'"

Fr. Isenberg can speak with experience about discernment through prayer and scripture, because he went through it.

And it wasn't easy.

Immediately after he graduated from Virginia Tech, he thought he had it all. He took a job as an engineer with a consulting firm, which moved him to Times Square in New York City, set him up in an apartment, and covered his living expenses. Life moved fast, until six months later when he was transferred to Tampa, Florida. The slower pace allowed him to take stock.

"I was alone down there," he said. "I wasn't close to my family, I didn't know anybody, and I got kind of depressed thinking, 'What am I doing with my life? I should be happy right now.' I had everything I needed, according to the world, to be happy. But I wasn't fulfilled."

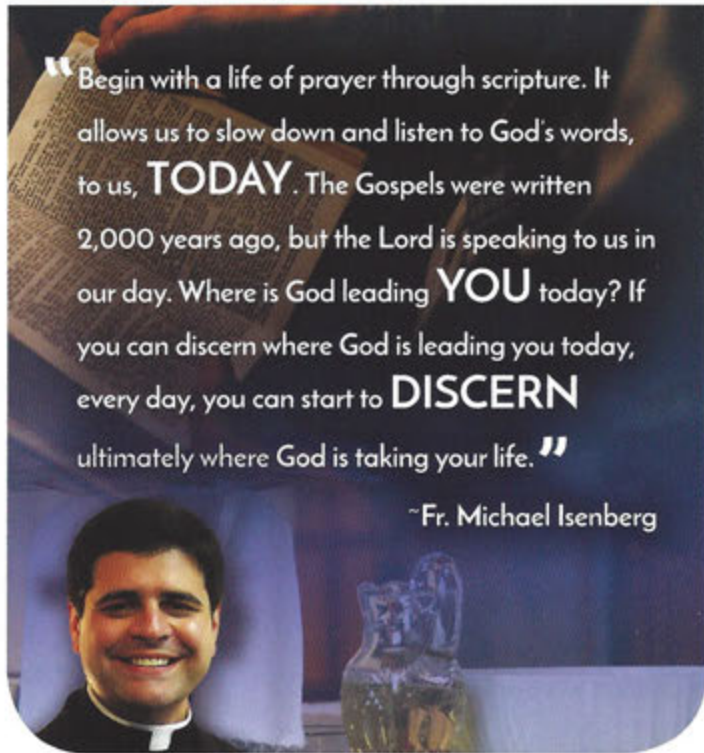
He remembered growing up in Our Lady of Angels in Woodbridge. He loved his priests and he spent a lot of time in Adoration. He was peaceful and happy, and he wanted to get that back. He found his peace in Tampa attending Holy Hours and going to daily Mass before work.

That was when he started to discern his priestly

## Prayer Through Scripture

"Begin with a life of prayer through scripture. It allows us to slow down and listen to God's words, to us, **TODAY**. The Gospels were written 2,000 years ago, but the Lord is speaking to us in our day. Where is God leading **YOU** today? If you can discern where God is leading you today, every day, you can start to **DISCERN** ultimately where God is taking your life."

~Fr. Michael Isenberg



vocation.

"I realized I was using the intellectual gifts God gave me the wrong way," he said. "I was engineering things. I was trying to find my happiness in things. It was fun, and I enjoyed it, but it was empty, because it wasn't where God was calling me."

Now, Fr. Isenberg's goal is to use the gifts that made him a good engineer: linear, structured thinking; logic, and introspection, to help bring others closer to God.

Thank you for supporting us. Count on our prayers.



*"It is no surprise that where people  
pray fervently, vocations flourish."  
~Pope Benedict XVI*

## The Power of Prayer: The Mothers of Lu, Italy

Can you imagine 323 priests and sisters coming from the same small town over several decades?

It happened, in Lu, Italy, a small, rural village near Turin.

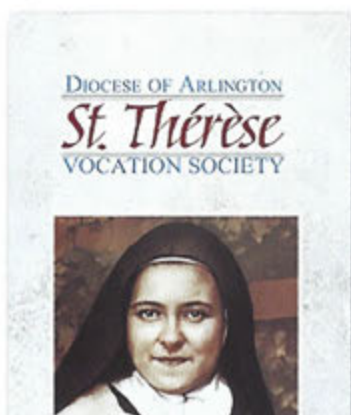
The mothers of Lu decided to unite weekly to do Eucharistic adoration for more priests and religious from among their own sons and daughters, and prayed a specific prayer after Mass for the same intention. Their own piety led to greater joy as well as openness to vocations among all the townspeople.

Over the next several decades, 152 priests (diocesan and religious), and 171 nuns belonging to 41 different congregations, emerged from Lu! As many as three or four vocations came from some of these families.



*The majority of the 323 priests and religious from Lu, Italy, met in their village for a reunion in September 1946.*

One of these priests, Blessed Philip Rinaldi, was beatified by Saint John Paul II in 1990. He always fondly recalled the faith of the families of Lu: "A faith that made our fathers and mothers say, 'The Lord gave us our children, and so if He calls them, we can't say no.'"



**Let's get 3,000 people praying for vocations daily!**

The St. Therese Vocations Society supports those men and women preparing to be priests and religious by praying for them by name daily. There are currently 2,602 members. Let's get to 3,000! Sign up today, receive your free calendar and start praying for vocations!

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