

## How Does A Family's Life Foster God's Call To A Religious Life?

The word foster means to promote the growth and development of someone or something. What do these words mean to me as a Catholic? Since I go to a Catholic school, I have an extended knowledge of my faith. Going to a Catholic School was not my decision, it was my parents'. Before I understood what it means to be a Catholic, my family has been fostering God's call to me for a religious life. My parents started me on my journey as a Catholic at baptism. They decided to send me to Catholic school and have taught me to pray daily. They are proud of my decision to become an alter server, encourage me to participate at mass, and remind me to live life as if God is beside me every day. As I get older, I realize that the choices I make and the way I live my life bring me closer to God. As I thought about the phrase, "God's call to a religious life", I immediately thought it was referring to nuns and priests. But I, too, live a religious life by respecting others doing simple acts of kindness and love, and by being the best person I can be,