

## HOW is FOLLOWING a RELIGIOUS VOCATION a COURAGEOUS and RADICAL ACTION?

Pursuing a religious vocation is a very courageous and radical act. A religious vocation is a special grace that God gives to people, calling them to a life of evangelical counsels.

To be called to follow a religious vocation is a blessing from God that very few people have the faith to pursue. Those select few have to be very committed to their job, making God and the church their number one priority. As a priest, you are not allowed to get married nor have children. This is a sacrifice that most people are unwilling to give up for a vocation like this.

Playing an immense role in the religious community requires three main things: Firstly, you have to have a strong faith in the Catholic Church, shown by a firm loyalty to the Vicar of Christ. Secondly, you need to have a deep love and desire for prayer. Lastly, it is required that you give up a “typical” way of life to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. To take a vow of poverty and chastity shows the courageous devotion that Jesus wants to see in all of us. Nuns and priests express their belief and faith by the clothes they wear, showing confidence in their faith and witnessing to their commitment to God.

Following a religious vocation is not for everyone, but for those chosen, it is a gift that they will cherish for all of eternity.