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Saint Teresa of Kolkata



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66 years ago a young religious sister formed a community dedicated to relieving the suffering and poverty of Kolkata's poor. Today, the Missionaries of Charity consists of thousands of sisters and over a million volunteers ministering to hundreds of millions of people worldwide.*

600 years ago a 13-year-old girl, guided by divine visions of Saint Michael, led France to victory over the tyranny of foreign invaders.**

And 2,000 years ago the son of God, raised in a remote outpost of the Roman Empire, died for our sins, opening the path to salvation for all of humanity.

The Catholic Church was founded in the belief that one empowered individual can change the world. That power lives on in each and every one of us. You can be that empowering force today.

One Vocation

Have you considered the impact of a single priest, sister, or brother? It's nothing short of astounding.

Take for example Father Kyle Kowalczyk, a diocesan priest assisted into formation by Labouré and ordained in May of 2016. Assuming Father Kyle will serve the Church in active ministry for approximately 50 years, based on CARA*** findings he will:

- Distribute Holy Communion 27,000 times per year — 1.35 million times throughout his lifetime
- Baptize 21 babies per year, for a lifetime total of 1,050
- Offer the sacrament of reconciliation 352 times per year — for a lifetime total of 17,600 confessions
- Say Mass 365 times per year, for a total of 18,250
- Anoint the sick 10 times per year, amounting to 500
- Preside over four marriages per year, totaling 200



“Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible, and suddenly you’re doing the impossible.”

—**Saint Francis of Assisi**

* Saint Teresa of Kolkata

** Saint Joan of Arc

*** CARA Study 2015

Those figures equate to nearly 1.4 million acts of God's sacramental love offered by a single priest — not to mention countless good works of mercy, including: prayers, hospital visits, food drives, spiritual counseling, mentoring of future Catholic priests and deacons... and the list goes on.

As each generation touched by Father Kyle matures and introduces future generations to Our Lord his impact will grow exponentially, eventually affecting millions of lives.

One Donor

Since 2003, Labouré has helped hundreds of devout, educated individuals like Father Kyle to remove the burden of education loans and answer God's call, largely through the generosity of individual donors like you. As each new vocation graduates from our program committed to healing, comforting, evangelizing, and inspiring untold numbers of people, it reinforces the Catholic belief that one donor truly *can* change the world.

You are the One

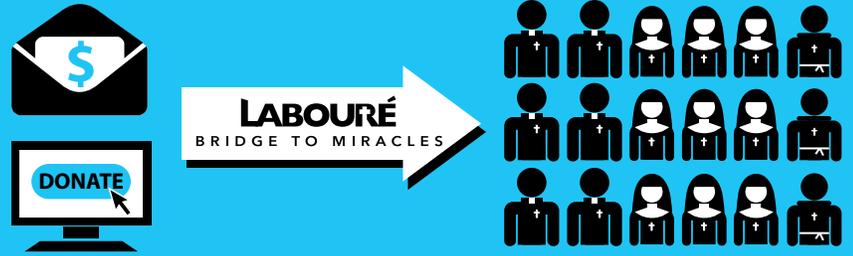
Future Catholic priests, sisters, and brothers are being turned away from formation just when our parishes and religious communities need them the most. Will you be the Power of One that has the profound impact of delivering more holy men and women to the Church? Please prayerfully consider a gift of \$500, \$250, \$100 (or an amount of your choosing) to the Labouré General Fund.

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or donate online at:

LaboureSociety.org
(651) 452-1160

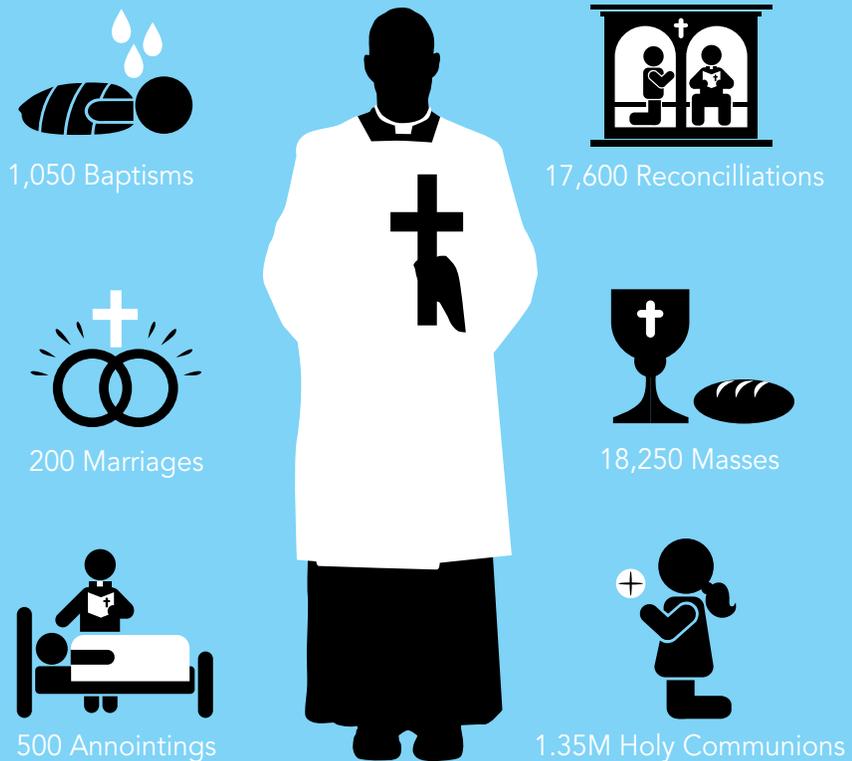
One Donor

...can help dozens of priests, sisters, and brothers to answer God's call.

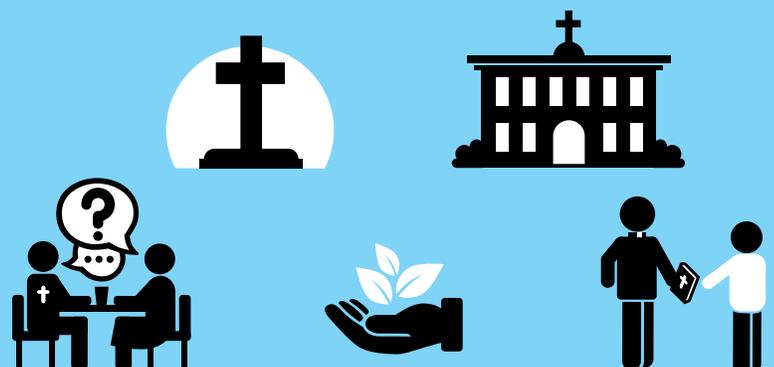


One Priest

...over time will positively impact the lives of thousands of people through the sacraments...



...and affect many others through countless good works.



About Labouré

The Aspirant

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The Labouré Society

Mission

Helping our future
priests, sisters, and brothers
resolve their student loans today.

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Leave a Legacy

A gift to Labouré in your Will
or Trust is a simple yet powerful
way to impact the future of the
Catholic Church. For more
information about how your gift
can be arranged, and how it will
be used, please call 651-295-2548.

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Why are we needed?

- There are an estimated 10,000 individuals discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life in the US annually
- 42% are blocked from pursuing their call due to education loans*
- The average vocational 'aspirant' in Labouré owes \$60,000 in education loans
- Most religious communities cannot assume this debt
- Most dioceses will allow some debt, but have a limited threshold for acceptance
*(NRVC, Vision Study, 2010)

What have we accomplished?

- Operating since 2003
- Listed in the Official Catholic Directory
- Over 240 assisted into formation to the priesthood or religious life
- A network of thousands of praying bishops, priests, religious, families, and singles
- Over \$5 million awarded to aspirants for student loan mitigation
- Labouré program support from bishops, superiors, and vocation directors nationwide

How do we do it?

Our Aspirants:

- Discern a vocation and are accepted into a diocese or religious institute*
- Are blocked from entering or continuing vocational formation due to education loans
- Apply to Labouré and meet intake requirements
- Are trained in ethical fundraising – empowered with practical tools, personal mentoring, and accountability
- Share their vocation stories and participate in building a culture of vocations and evangelization
- Raise funds for Labouré to benefit many vocations
- Are awarded monthly payments toward their education loans
- Receive final award payout after 3 years and enter freely into a lifetime of service as a priest, sister, or brother
*(The institute must be listed in the Official Catholic Directory)

The Labouré Society

- Works with each aspirant to ensure all personal means are utilized to mitigate the loan amount (loan consolidation, asset review, financial counseling, employment, etc.) prior to acceptance into the program
- Trains each aspirant in biblically-based philanthropy
- Forms multiple classes of aspirants annually
- Mentors each aspirant to build a unified team; each individual works toward the collective goal
- Provides ongoing accountability to ensure proper preparation and completion of personal fundraising plans
- Equips each aspirant with an online fundraising platform for real-time donation processing, reporting, assessment of goals and class interaction, marketing and communications
- Facilitates ongoing communication and updates between aspirants and donors after formation entrance
- Manages aspirant award payments while they are in formation
- Completes award payout after 3 years active formation

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