

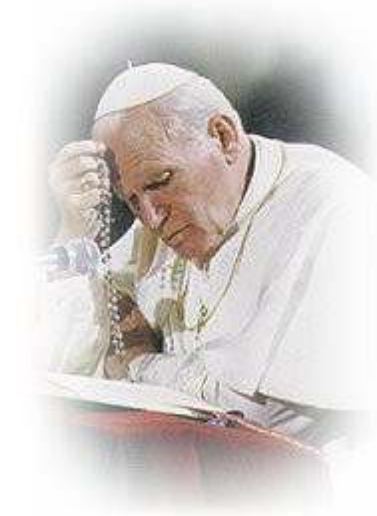
Hail Holy Queen, Litany

**Closing Reflection (Together):**

“Help me, Lord to see what is your will for me at every moment and especially help me to see what is your design of love for the whole of my life, that is my vocation. Give me generosity to say yes to you and to be faithful to you in whatever path you mark out for me. Let me be both salt and light in my place of work, in my family and in the whole world.” Amen. (Pope Saint John Paul II)

# The Holy Rosary

The Meaning of Vocation  
Reflections from Pope Saint John Paul II



“Vocation touches the very roots of the human soul.  
It is an interior calling of God directed to the person:  
to the unique and irreplaceable person.”  
Pope Saint John Paul II



## Introduction

Throughout the whole of life, we are in search of true happiness and inner peace. What we fail to realize is that God has placed within each of us an innate desire for Himself. We seek to quench this desire by reaching out to possess everything the world has to offer us, yet are left with an echoing emptiness. The answer to our search is simple, yet deeply profound. It is solely in loving, knowing and serving God in our true vocation that we come to fulfill the inner desires of our heart. This holy hour is being offered for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In the words of our late Holy Father, Saint John Paul II, we pray that young people may continue to open wide the doors to Christ.

Creed, Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, Glory Be

*Leader: Queen and Beauty of Carmel,*

*All: Pray for us.*

## First Reflection

“As we reflect together on the life which Jesus gives, I ask you to have courage to commit yourselves to the truth. Have the courage to believe the good news about life which Jesus teaches in the Gospel. Open your minds and hearts to the beauty of all that God has made and to His special, personal love for each one of you. He has chosen you, in a mysterious but real way, to make you saviors with Him and like Him. Yes, Christ calls you, but He calls you in truth. His call is demanding, because He invites you to let yourselves be ‘captured’ by Him completely, so that your whole lives will be seen in a different light. True living is not found in one’s self or in things. It is found in Someone else, in the One who created everything that is good, true and beautiful in the world. True living is found in God and you discover God in the person of Jesus Christ.” (Pope Saint John Paul II)

First Glorious Mystery

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## Second Reflection

“Is He perhaps asking you for even more love, more generosity, more sacrifice? Yes, the love of Christ involves generosity and sacrifice. To follow Christ and to serve the world in His name requires courage and strength. There is no place for selfishness – and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice. To each one of you I say, therefore: Heed the call of Christ when you hear Him saying to you: ‘Follow me! Walk in my path! Stand by my side! Remain in my love! There is a choice to be made: a choice for Christ and His way of life, and His commandment of love.’” (Pope Saint John Paul II)

Second Glorious Mystery

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## Third Reflection

“Faith and love are not just words or vague feelings. Believing and loving God means a consistent life, lived wholly in the light of the Gospel; this is not easy. It often calls for great courage in going against the trends of fashion and the opinions of the world. But this is the one requirement for a truly successful and happy life. If, in spite of your personal effort to follow Christ you are sometimes weak and do not live in conformity to the law of love, to the commandments, do not be discouraged. Christ continues to wait for you. He, Jesus, is the Good Shepherd who searches for the lost sheep and who tenderly bears it on His shoulder. Christ is the friend who never lets you down.” (Pope Saint John Paul II)

Third Glorious Mystery

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## Fourth Reflection

“If someone among you hears Christ’s call to a complete gift of self in the religious life, do not reject such a noble, though demanding proposal. Have the courage to say yes generously and firmly; this can give an incomparable depth of meaning to your whole life. A religious vocation is a gift, freely given and freely received. It is a profound expression of the love of God for you, and, on your part, it requires in turn a total love for Christ.

You are young and you want to live. But you must live fully and with purpose. You must live for God, you must live for others. And no one can live this life for you. The future is yours, but the future is above all a call and a challenge to ‘keep’ your life by giving it up, by ‘losing’ it – as the Gospel has reminded us – by sharing it through loving service of others.” (Pope Saint John Paul II)

Fourth Glorious Mystery

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## Fifth Reflection

“My message to young people is, above all, an invitation and an exhortation. My desire is for the young people of the entire world to come closer to Mary. She is the bearer of an indelible youthfulness and beauty that never wanes. What does Mary, our mother and teacher have to tell us? ‘Do whatever He tells you.’ In these words Mary expresses, above all, the deepest secret of her life. The whole of her person is in these words. Her life, in fact, has been a total; yes to the Lord. A yes filled with joy and trust. And these words enclose a very important message, relevant to every man of every age. This ‘do whatever He tells you’ means: listen to Jesus, my Son, act on His word and put your trust in Him. Learn to say yes to the Lord in every situation of your life. Mary, Mother of the Church and our mother, will help us to hear her Divine Son.” (Pope Saint John Paul II)

Fifth Glorious Mystery

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