

## VOCATIONS TEST

*Do you consider a personal relationship with God an important part of your life?*

*Are you able and willing to talk to others about your faith?*

*Do you desire to serve others and make a difference in people's lives?*

*Do people see you as approachable?*

*Do you enjoy life and people and have a sense of humor?*

*Can you work with people of all ages?*

*Do you recognize the importance of the Church?*

*Do you have healthy relationships with other people, both men and women?*

*Do you feel good about yourself and have good physical, mental and emotional health?*

If you answered "yes" to six or more of the questions above, then you may have a vocation to the priesthood. Are you being called to *Answer the Call* as a priest?



### *Trips to Visit College Seminaries*

Visiting a college seminary is often a very helpful way to explore the possibility of college seminary for you.

Trips to visit Conception Seminary College and St. John Vianney College Seminary are scheduled regularly throughout the year. Contact the vocation office to find out when the next trip is and how you can make arrangements to go along.

*Priesthood...*



*Answer the Call!*

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**College  
Options**

## **Are You Willing to ...**



## **Give God the First Chance with Your Life**

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# College Options and Scholarships

## *The College Seminary*

Catholic leadership in our church requires the development of the spiritual, personal, intellectual, physical, and service aspects of our lives. The college seminary setting fosters growth in these areas. College seminaries can provide students with significant opportunities for spiritual direction and formation, a deeper appreciation of our Catholic faith and traditions, a better foundation for the study of theology, and a greater sense of Christian community. These are all reasons why someone who aspires to Catholic leadership may choose to attend a college seminary. The Joliet Diocese uses two college seminaries:

**St. John Vianney Seminary** (Vianney) is located on the campus of the University of St. Thomas, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Students at Vianney take classes and participate in campus life at St. Thomas. The students live in the seminary residence hall, where they participate in the community's social and spiritual life. Vianney provides many opportunities to experience prayer and Christian service. Check out Vianney on the internet at [www.vianney.net](http://www.vianney.net).

**Conception Seminary College** (CSC) is located in rural, northwest Missouri. CSC is a four-year, free-standing seminary college administered by the Benedictine Monks of Conception Abbey. CSC is dedicated to the formation of men who wish to discover whether or not they are called to priesthood. The seminary offers its students a fine liberal arts curriculum as well as sound spiritual and character formation. Check out CSC on the internet at [www.conception.edu](http://www.conception.edu).

## *Give God a Chance with Your Life*

To help young men give God a chance with their lives, the Diocese of Joliet offers full tuition and room and board scholarships for seminarians in their first year of college studies, either as freshmen or transfer students, at either Vianney or CSC. For the remaining years, the Diocese provides half tuition and room and board scholarships for college seminarians. Students are also eligible for other forms of financial aid. Beyond the first year, the average yearly cost of education to our college students is between \$3500 and \$5500 per year. The Diocese is committed to meeting 100 percent of a student's demonstrated need. No student is denied the opportunity to prepare for priesthood because of financial hardship.



## *Affiliated Candidates*

Young men of college age who are interested in learning more about priesthood and discerning a possible vocation to priesthood may present themselves as affiliated candidates and study at the college or university of their choice. The vocation office will maintain regular contact with these students and make suggestions for courses that may be taken in philosophy and religious studies. After receiving a college degree, young men who have been affiliates and want to study for priesthood will most likely need one year of pre-theology studies before beginning the major seminary.

While the Diocese does not provide financial assistance to students who are affiliates, once a man is ordained, he may receive assistance from the Diocese to repay student loans incurred during college studies.

## *College Options with the Joliet Diocese*



*YES, I would like to talk with  
someone about my options for  
college with the Joliet Diocese.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

High School / College Attended:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it to:

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If you have any questions, please call  
Father John Regan at (815) 834-4004,  
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