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Listening to God

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Making known God's goodness

This reflection is offered as a guide to help you think about "vocations" in general and your vocation in particular. Sunday, January 10, 2010 marks the beginning of Jesus public ministry with His baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. There are also additional resources available on our website www.ASKanSND.org. You can now follow us on Twitter and be alerted to new resources on our website. www.twitter.com/AngeleSNDdeN

YOU ARE CALLED

God's first call for every person is to simply follow Him. **You were created to be in relationship with God, and that is His greatest desire for you.** As your relationship with God grows, He will continue to draw you deeper into this relationship, and call you to become more like Jesus, to love Him more, and to love others through service. In all these things, you will experience God calling you to a particular vocation.

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GETTING IN TOUCH WITH CALL

Your vocation is rooted in your baptism. When you were baptized into the Church, you were baptized into an active responsibility and into an ongoing process of transformation.

You discover your vocation:

- by getting in touch with your strengths and weaknesses,
- by listening to your own experiences and the advice of others, and
- by growing in your relationship with God, especially learning to see and hear God acting in your life.

There are basically two kinds of vocations: a call to ministry and to life style. Ministry is what one does and lifestyle is how one lives one's life 24/7.

The Catholic Church recognizes three main vocations for women: **Single Life, Married Life** and **Religious Life**. God calls everyone to follow Him—there is no question about that! The question is, **how is God calling ME to follow Him?**

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A **single person** comes to believe that remaining single is the true and right way to faithfully live her baptismal call.

What gifts does a single person bring to the People of God?

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A **married person** lives a vow of faithful love to a spouse through the sacrament of marriage.

What gifts do married people bring to the People of God?

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A **religious sister** commits her life to sharing in the life and mission of her religious community.

What gifts do religious sisters bring to the People of God?

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In each vocation, the person lives a life of faith and prayer to continually grow in relationship with God. The Church recognizes that each vocation is equal, in the sense that, no vocation is better or less than any other. However, **because God calls you to a particular vocation—whether single life, married life or religious life—that vocation is the best one for you, and the one that will "fit" you best and make you the happiest!**

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