

God Calls Us to Be Holy

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 17**.

❖ The greatest goal of our lives as Christians is holiness. Holiness is sharing God's life by becoming like God.

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❖ To be holy is to be like Jesus. It is to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be a saint. It is to have perfect love for God and all people.

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❖ A vocation is a call to a special way of life. God has a plan for each of us, and the call of our vocation is part of that plan.

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❖ Through our vocations we are able to serve others. The Sacraments at the Service of Communion help those who are in two demanding vocations serve Jesus. These sacraments are the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

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❖ We can discover our vocations by praying, talking to people about their vocations, and listening for God's call.

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❖ People who live the religious vocation make vows to serve God in the way they live.

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❖ Vows are public promises made to God. Religious offer their love to God by faithfully living their vows.

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❖ Religious are part of communities in which they pray and serve God. They also serve by working in many different ministries. They may teach, work in health care or social service, or serve as priests. Many serve as cooks, carpenters, and farmers as well.

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❖ Some people are not called to get married or join a religious community. They live the single vocation and serve God in other ways.

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