

11 Someone is calling !

VOCATIONS

In some of the previous sessions we have already touched upon the idea of **FOLLOWING**. This is a key word for any Confirmation candidate, to understand ... to put into practice every day of their lives.

A Follow the Leader

There are two sides of the coin. If someone follows there must be someone else leading. People follow many different things in life. Some follow celebrities ... other follow ideas or ideologies.

Do you know of any people who follow any particular famous person, idea and so on ... Write about one example ...

B Christians are followers too

As Christians we too are followers. Another word sometimes used is to be a Disciple.

As Christians we follow because we are called ...

We don't follow just because someone is on the telly ...

We don't follow just because someone has issued a song ... has good looks or is a good football player or anything like that.

We follow because someone calls us. His name is Jesus.

Jesus calls each person to follow him. He calls them for a specific job.

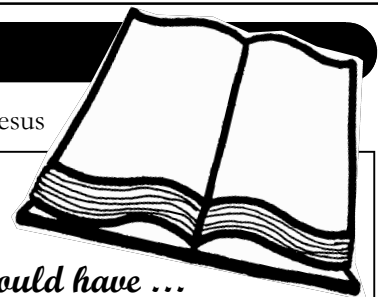
C God calls

Listen to this Bible reading. Then write what your reaction would have been if Jesus was calling you!

JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

As he was walking by the Lake of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast into the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Come after me and I will make you fishers of people.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. And at once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

(Matthew 4:18-22)



I would have ...

D Jesus calls ... My call

Whatever the call, God wants us to use the gifts that the Spirit gives us at Confirmation to fulfil his plan. God calls different people for different jobs. It takes time, reflection and prayer to discover God's call...

The following are some of the jobs or **vocations** God calls people for. They are all important ... Each of them is the response of that person to follow God's call. Think about the following different vocations.

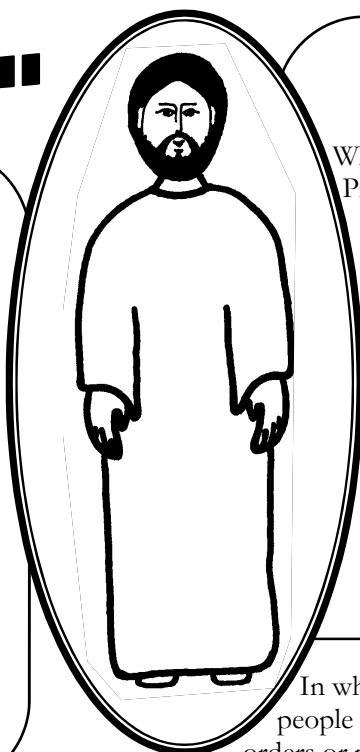
Jesus calls ...

MARRIED LIFE

What is married life in the way God wants it to be?



How can married people work and be of service to others?



PRIESTHOOD RELIGIOUS LIFE

Who are those who follow God's call as Priests or in Religious life?



In what way do people in Religious orders or priests serve God and the community?



Other calls ...

Communities — Societies — Movements

There are other groups within the Church. People who join in these communities, Societies or Movements feel God's call to work within a certain area or apostolate. Some are for married people, others for celibate lay people. Do you know of any of these groups or Societies?
