

Signs of a Vocation to the Priesthood

- ❖ **Sense of a spiritual call** by God to serve His people as a priest. This spiritual call is experienced by a recurring thought; a growing attraction to the priesthood; a growing sense that one would find fulfillment by serving God as a priest.
- ❖ **Love of God** that manifests itself in a desire and/or action to give one's life in service to God's people.
- ❖ **Love of the Church** and her Traditions and a desire to celebrate the sacraments for God's people.
- ❖ **Love of God's Word** and a desire to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to God's people.
- ❖ **Desire to serve** the people of God as a servant-leader; after the example of Jesus, "who came not to be served but to serve."
- ❖ **A heart that can listen** to others and a desire to be the compassionate, healing presence of Jesus to God's people.
- ❖ **Desire to deepen one's relationship with God** through daily prayer. Liturgical, communal and private prayer sustain the priest to grow in his love and dedication to Jesus Christ.
- ❖ **Generosity** with one's time, talents and gifts. Priests are called to generously give of themselves for the good of the Church. Priests are called to be a "person for others."