DISCERNING PRIESTHOOD

Short Essay Questions for Male Students, Grades 7-12

Read the 16-page booklet Discerning Priesthood*, then answer each question. Use a separate sheet if needed.*

1. What is the essence of the priesthood, according to the passage on page 4?

2. List the four vocation options for a Catholic man.

3. Of the various things that priests do (some are listed on page 5), what do you think would be the most exciting to you personally. Which would be most rewarding? Why?

4. Which of the signs of a call to priesthood do you have (pages 7-8)? Describe your thoughts when you think about the possibility of becoming a priest.

5. The author says, "God can't drive a parked car. Move!" What does this mean in the context of discerning one's vocation?

6. Imagine that a close friend of yours feels called to be a priest, but he also has a lot of fear about this call. Based on the information on pages 10-14, what advice would you give him?