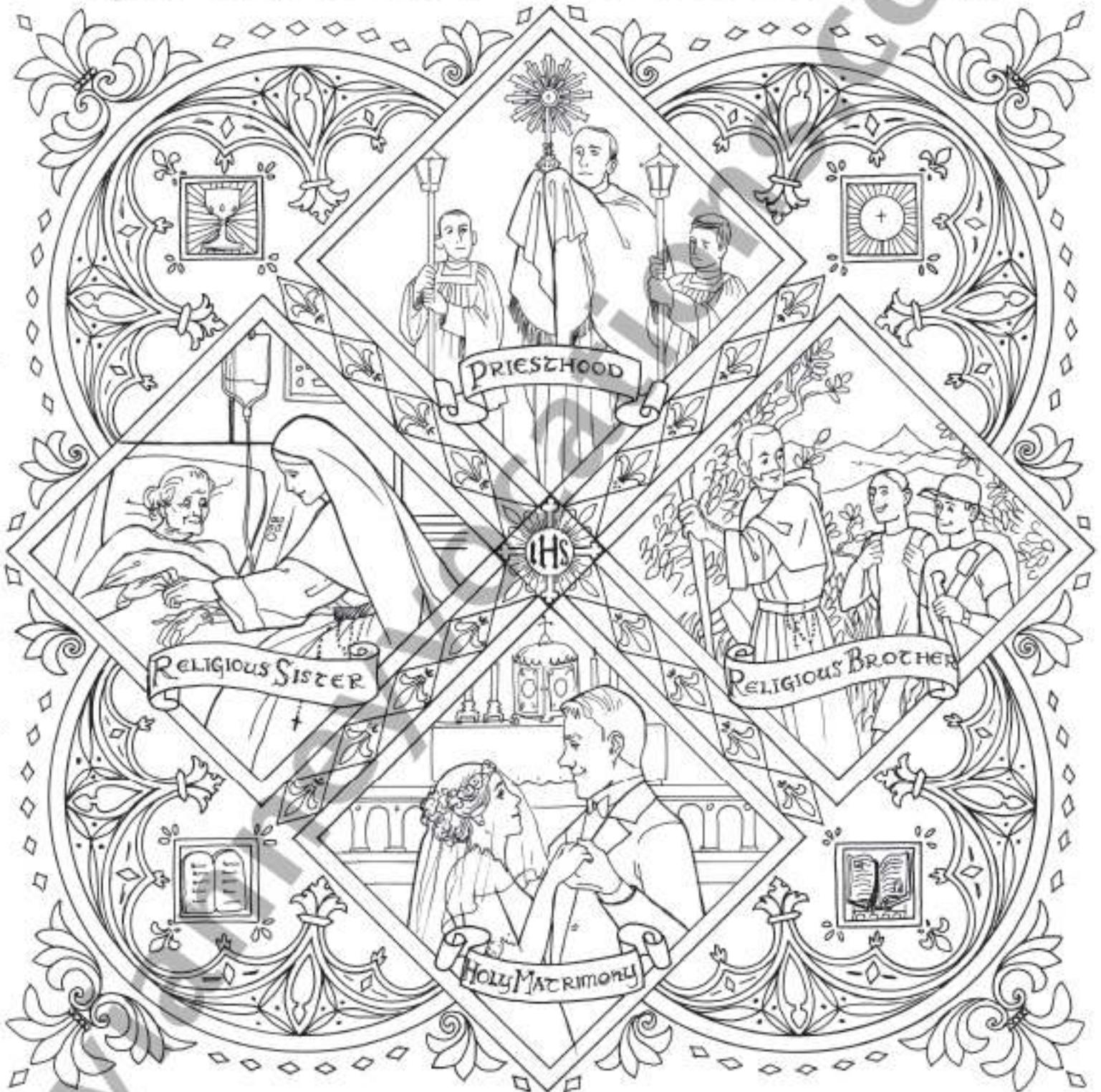


Catholic Vocations



When you are an adult, Jesus may call you to get married and have a family — maybe even a big family! He calls some men to become priests. Or he may call you to be a religious sister or brother. How will you know? The key is to listen with your heart—then say “Yes” when God calls!

God Knew Your Vocation for Eternity!

Discerning Your Vocation

Everyone's first vocation is to be holy and to reach heaven! To discern your "secondary" vocation takes a lot of prayer. If you're a boy, in a few years God may call you or someone you know to enter seminary to prepare for priesthood. Or perhaps you will become a religious brother or sister and live in a convent or monastery! Or maybe you'll make wedding vows and build a family. In the end, every vocation requires that you make sacrifices for God and others. Whatever your call, trust that you will be happy if you do God's will. *Be not afraid!*



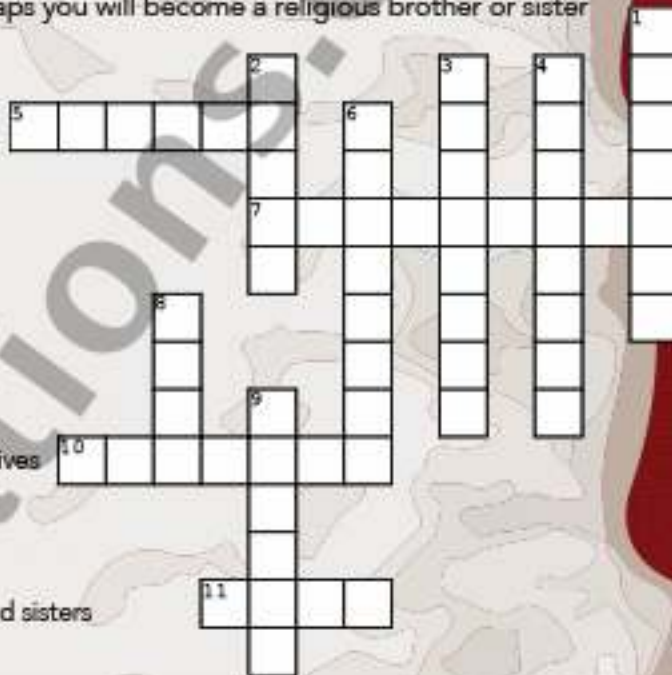
Many Catholics discover their vocations during Eucharistic Adoration.

Across

5. A way to listen to God's voice
7. Giving up one good for another
10. Figuring out your vocation
11. Being scared of God's call

Down

1. Where a community of sisters or brothers lives
2. Believing that God's will brings happiness
3. Where men prepare to be priests
4. The universal vocation
6. Your God-given mission in life
8. Made by couples and religious brothers and sisters
9. The eternal goal of all vocations



Vocation Checkpoints

This activity helps you think about the different stages of each vocation. Choose a vocation, then complete the maze and review the checkpoints.

Vocation of Marriage

- 1 Discernment
- 2 Dating
- 3 Proposal
- 4 Engagement
- 5 Wedding
- 6 Marriage & Family
- 7 Heaven

Vocation of Priesthood

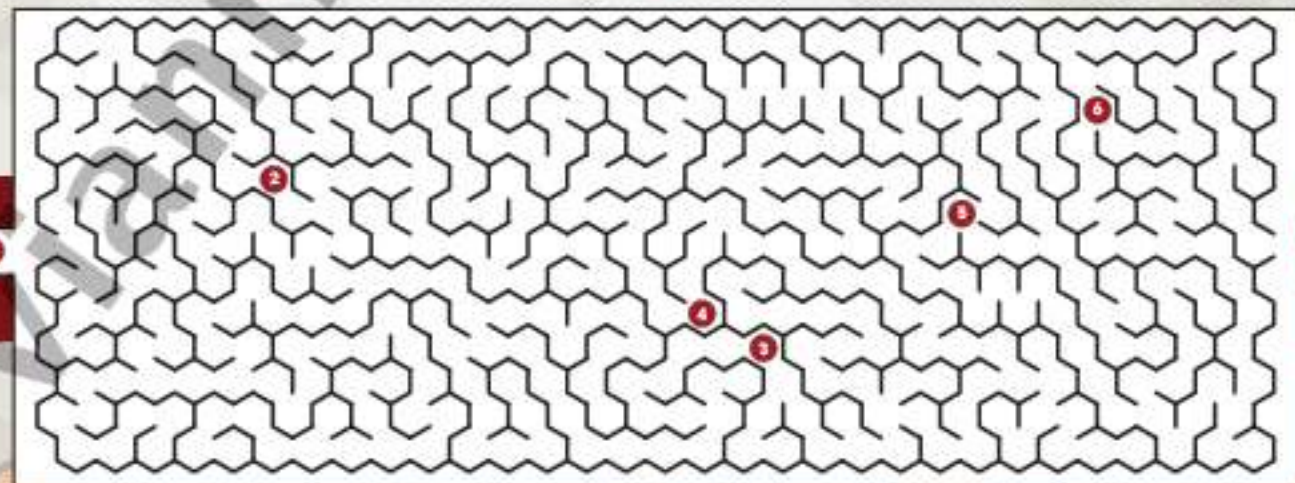
- 1 Discernment
- 2 Talk with a Priest
- 3 Seminary Application
- 4 Seminary
- 5 Ordination
- 6 Priestly Ministry
- 7 Heaven

Vocation of Religious Life

- 1 Discernment
- 2 Visit Communities
- 3 Application & Postulancy
- 4 Novitiate & Temporary Vows
- 5 Final Vows
- 6 Religious Life
- 7 Heaven

Class discussion

- Which checkpoints are the same in all vocations? Why?
- How is going to seminary like being engaged?
- At what points can you change to a different vocation?
- In each vocation, who do you help to get to heaven?



The Maze of Life

The Joy of Heaven