

PRAYING WITH OUR SPC ROLE MODELS
Celebrating 325 Years of Life and Mission
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Theme: VOCATION

Grace: Lord Jesus, I beg for the grace of a generous heart to be able to seek, find and live out my personal vocation to the full.

Scripture Text: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.” Eph 1:3-4

POINTS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

A. The gift of vocation in the life of Paul

“I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am.” (1 Cor 15: 9-11). Paul considers himself unworthy of his vocation as an apostle, but recognizes it as a grace, a personal choice from God. God calls us - not so much for us to do great things for him, but in order that he can do great things for us.

B. The gift of vocation in the life of our Sisters

SR. ANNE PATRICE CAHILL (1914 - 2012)

District of USA

Sister Anne Patrice wanted to be a missionary since she was a child. She was 15 years old when she left Ireland in 1929 with a fire burning in her heart to be a missionary because so many had a need for God. She wanted to save souls. This is the call that shaped her life as a Sister of St. Paul of Chartres.

SISTER LOUIS DE LA SAINTE CROIX BRIDE (1920 - 2002)

District of Haiti

True to her name, Sister Louis of the Holy Cross desired to live her vocation and mission as a “bandage” for the suffering members of Christ who are the most deprived, helpless, disoriented, forgotten, unloved, and despised. In the Community, as well as in the Apostolate, Sister Louis always manifested great zeal in helping those who are in need, giving up her personal interests for the benefit of all.

C. The gift of vocation in our own life

1. Given my primary vocation as a Sister of St. Paul of Chartres, what are my greatest joys and consolations? greatest difficulties and struggles? Take time to name and clarify.
2. When were those moments when I truly felt that I was giving witness and living out my personal vocation to the full? What exactly was I doing? Who were with me? What values and virtues was I trying to live out and express then?
3. Share in community your experience of giving witness and living out your personal vocation to the full.