



**April 8, 2026**

**Welcome!**

**Please grab a snack and take this  
time to check in with the people  
at your table.**

**How was their week/day?**

**How are they doing?**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Happy Easter! CHRIST IS RISEN!**
- **Sacrament Meetings: Sunday, April 19th**
  - **SPY1/OCIC1- 12:30-2:00pm**
  - **SPY2/OCIC2- 2:30-4:00pm**
- **Sacrament Mass-We need EMHC**
- **Sacrament Mass Pew Sign Ups**

# CONGRATULATIONS! Juniper, Leo, Colfax, Gavin, and Makayla



# LIVING CATHOLIC

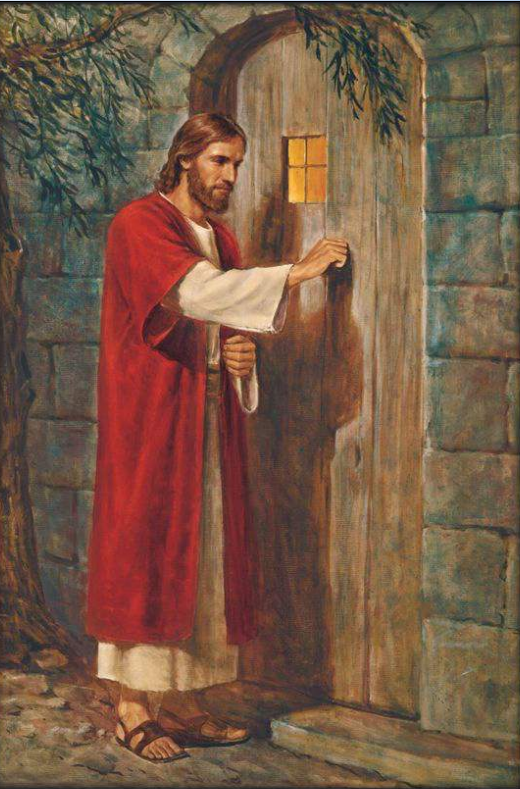
## Vocations Night





# Let us Pray:

**Revelation 3:20**



## **Parents' Prayer for the Vocations of Their Children**

God our Father, we entrust to you the lives and future vocations of our children. We ask that the Holy Spirit be present to them at all times as they learn and journey toward adulthood.

Draw your children close to you and open their hearts to discern the life which you have called them to, be it a vocation to marriage, holy orders, consecrated life, or single life. Impress upon our children their own need to continually pray and seek that your will be done in whatever time or circumstances you have appointed.

Give us, their parents, grace to model the Christian life with sincerity and faithfulness. Perfect our own vision for our children's lives, Lord, and allow us to abandon ourselves to your will in whatever form that may take.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

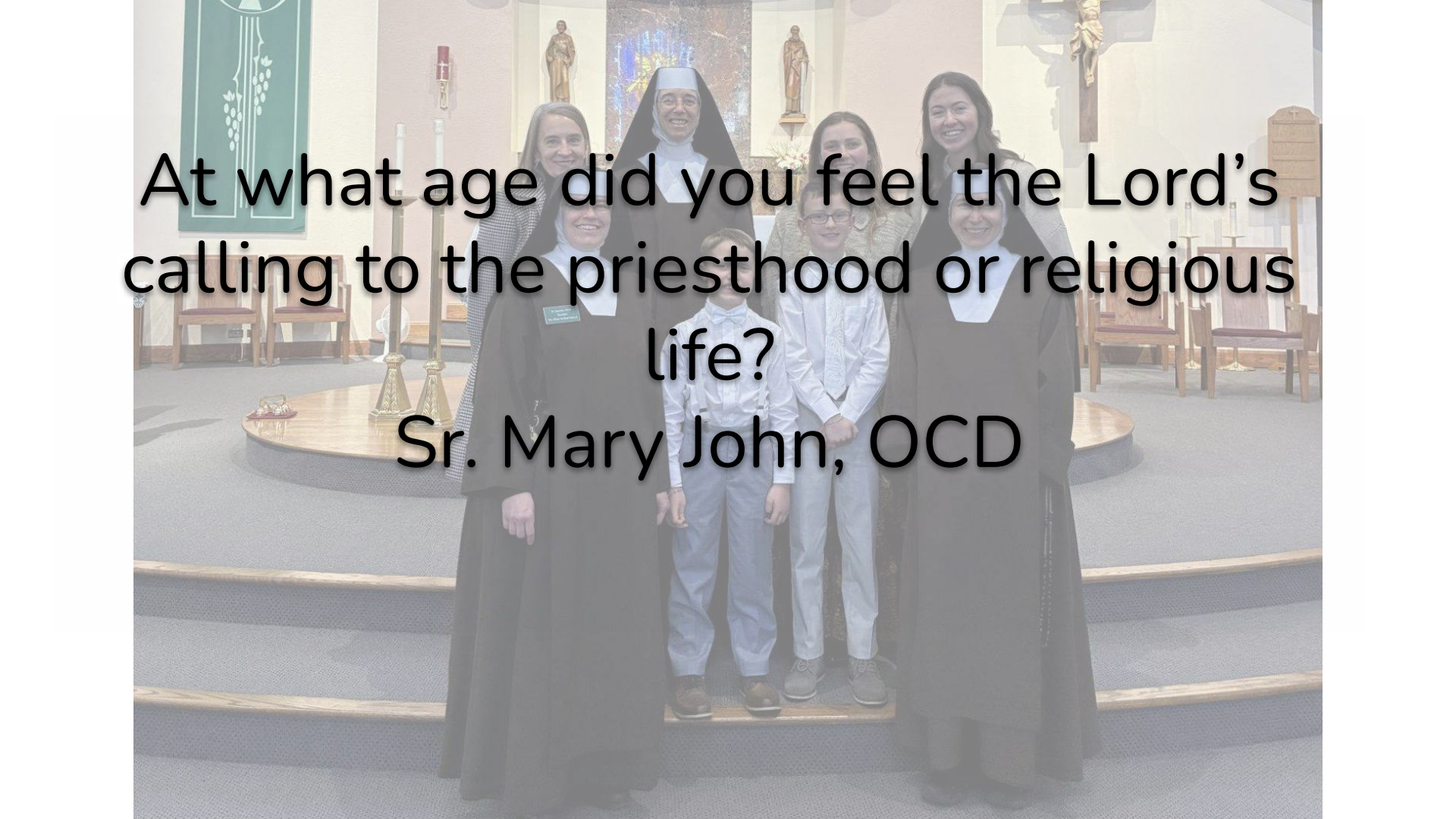
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# Introductions

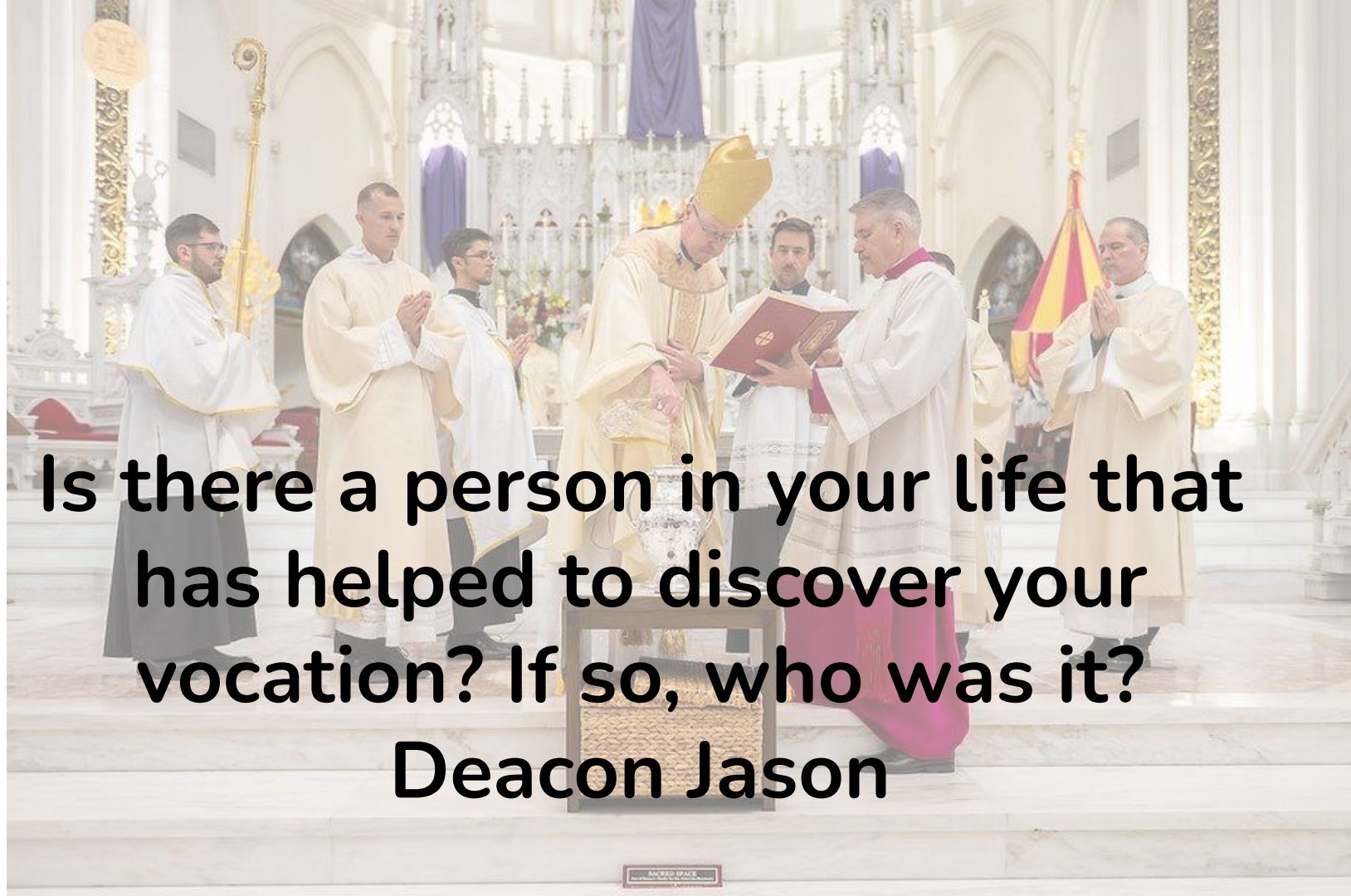
## Vocation Panel Guests

1. **Fr. Martin- SOC Parish Priest**
2. **Sr. Mary John- Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of of Los Angeles**
3. **Sr. MariLu Arbesu- Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo**
4. **Deacon Jason DiRito- St. John Vianney Seminary-Transitional Deacon Schedule for Ordination on May 9th.**

A group of seven people are posed in a church sanctuary. In the center, two young boys in white shirts and light blue pants stand on a wooden platform. They are flanked by two nuns in black habits. Behind them stand two women in casual attire. The background features a large wooden cross, statues of saints, and a green decorative panel with a white floral design. The floor is carpeted, and wooden chairs are visible in the background.

At what age did you feel the Lord's  
calling to the priesthood or religious  
life?

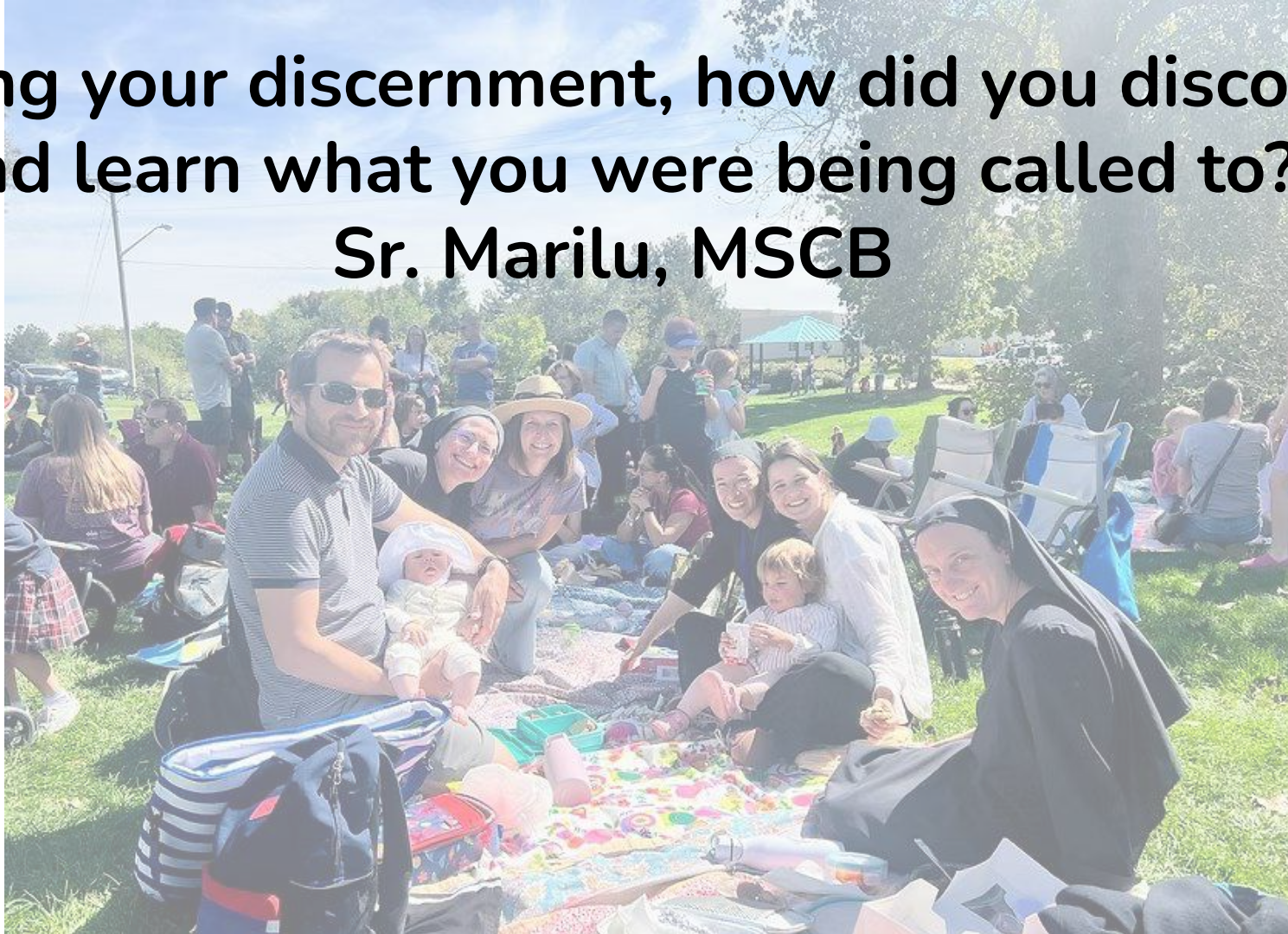
Sr. Mary John, OCD

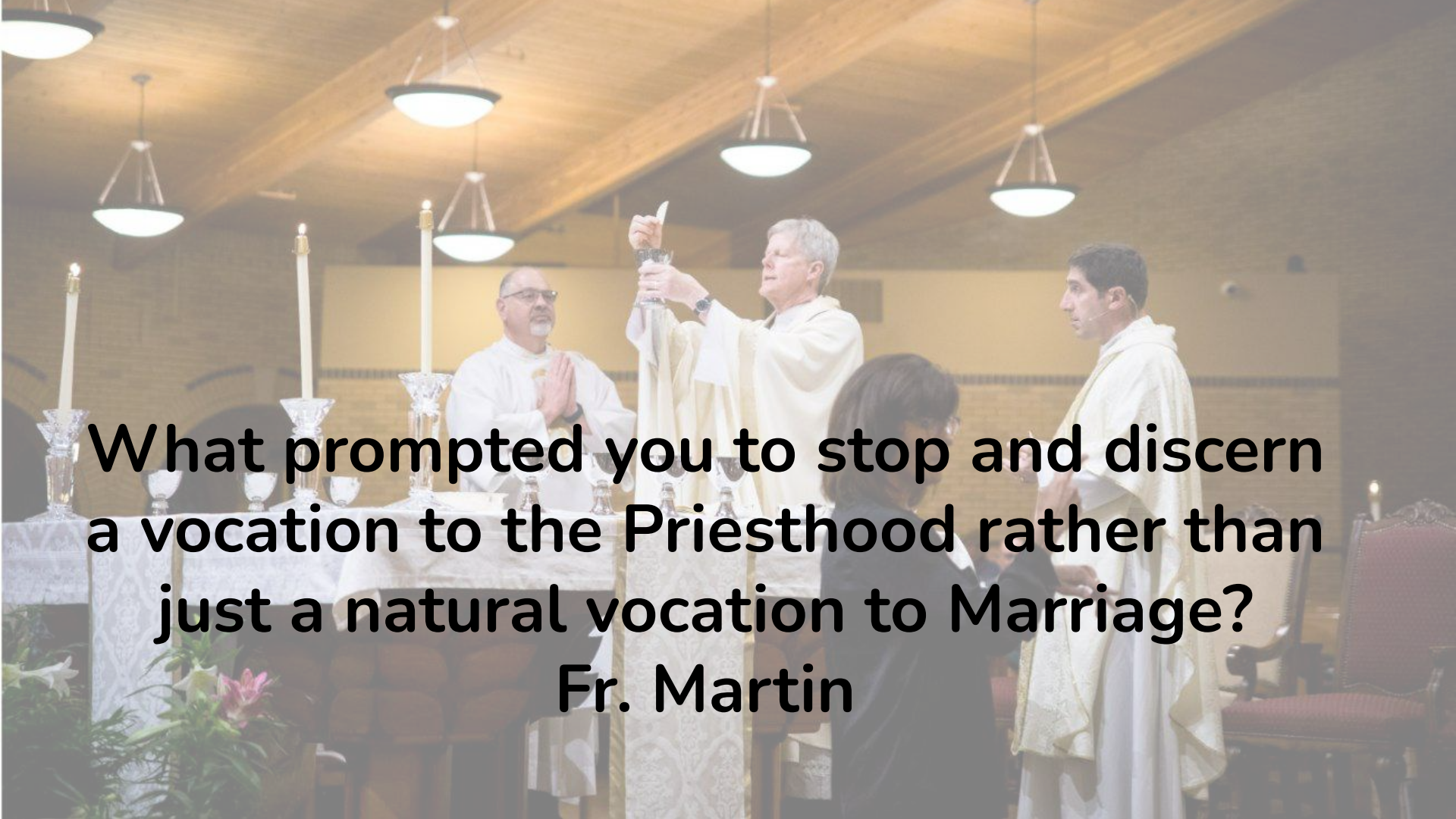


**Is there a person in your life that  
has helped to discover your  
vocation? If so, who was it?  
Deacon Jason**

**During your discernment, how did you discover  
and learn what you were being called to?**

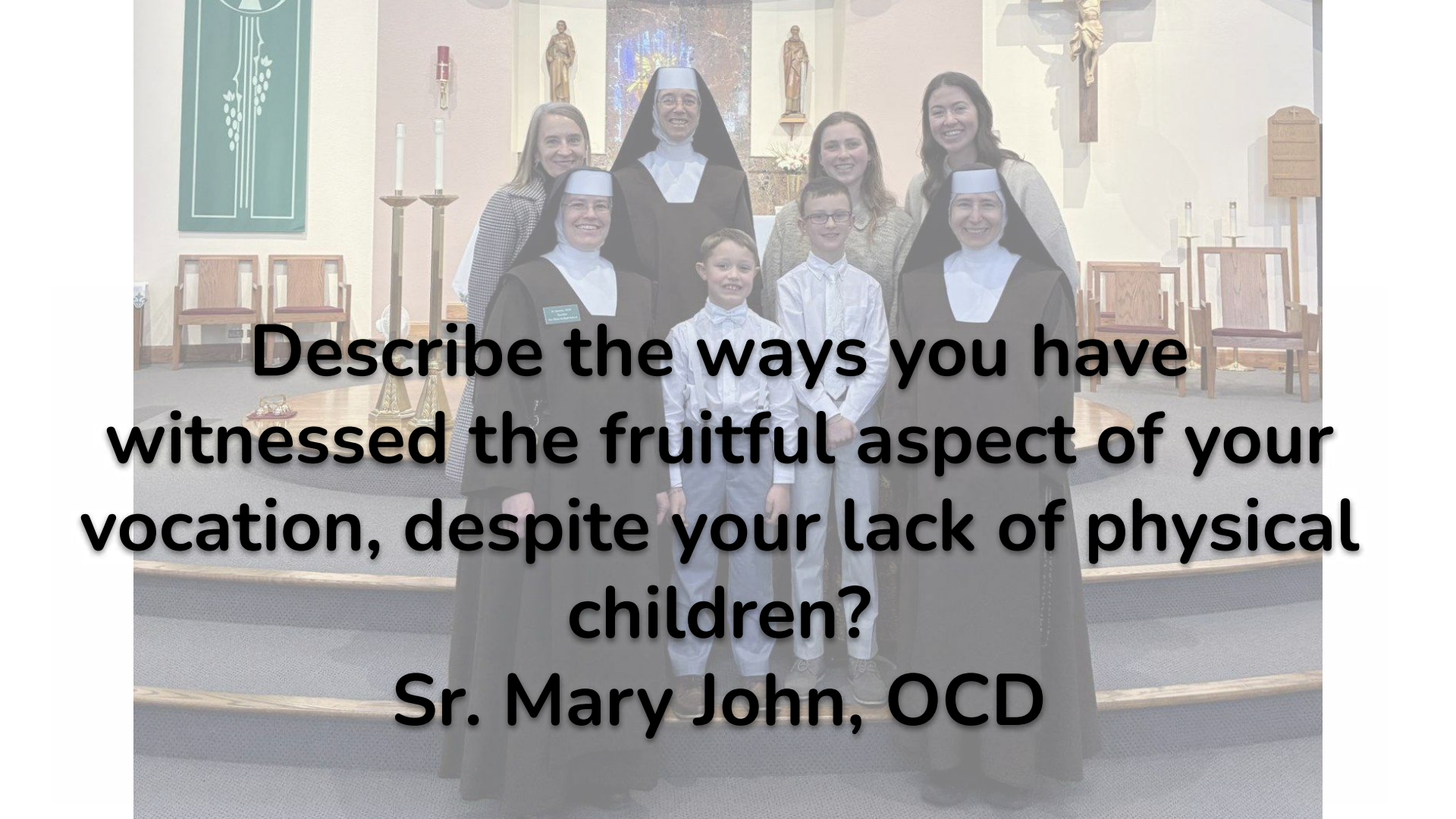
**Sr. Marilu, MSCB**





**What prompted you to stop and discern  
a vocation to the Priesthood rather than  
just a natural vocation to Marriage?**

**Fr. Martin**

A group of seven people, including two nuns in black habits and white veils, two young boys in white shirts and ties, and three women in civilian attire, are smiling and posing for a photo in a church. The background shows a church interior with a crucifix, statues, and pews.

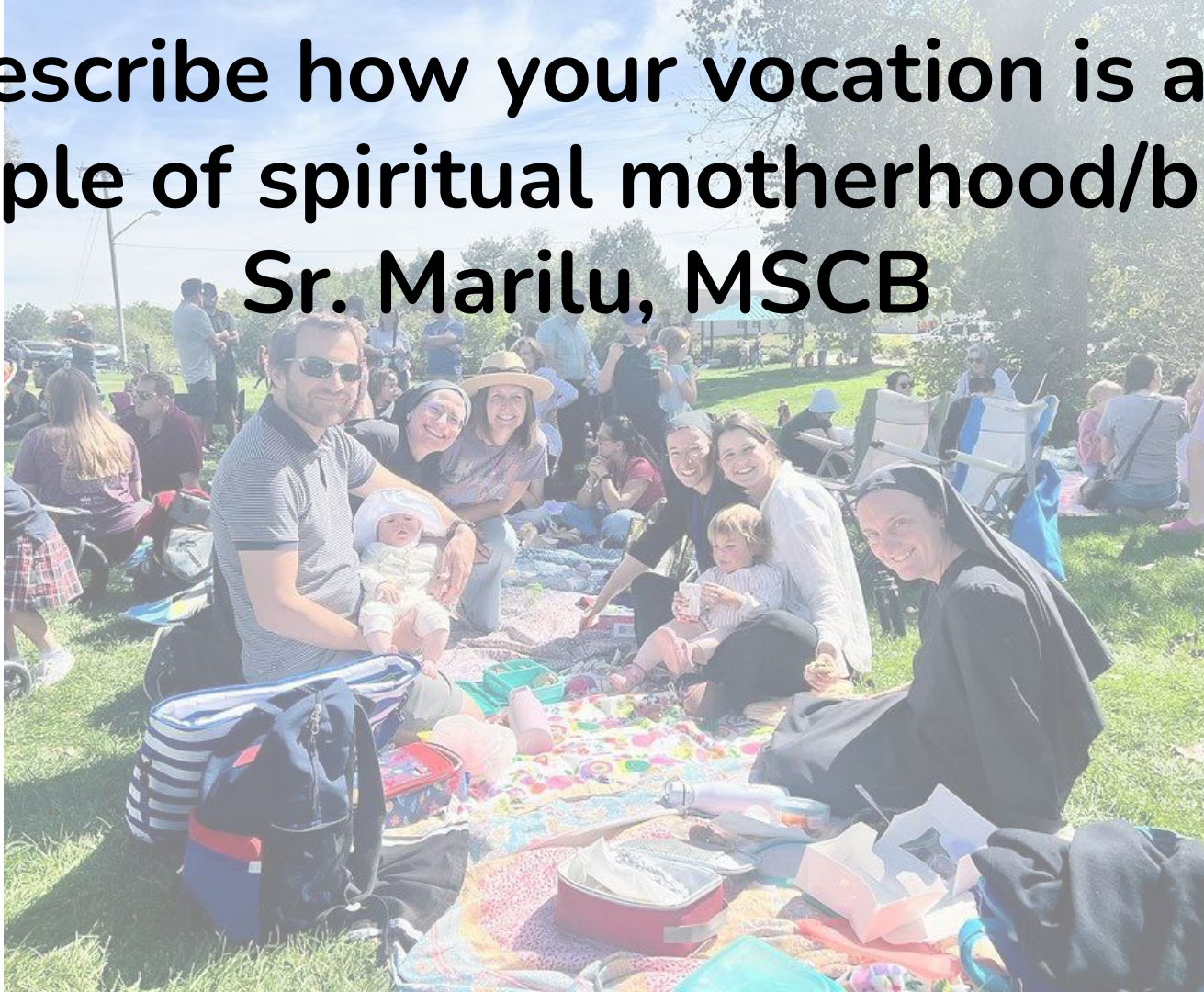
**Describe the ways you have witnessed the fruitful aspect of your vocation, despite your lack of physical children?**

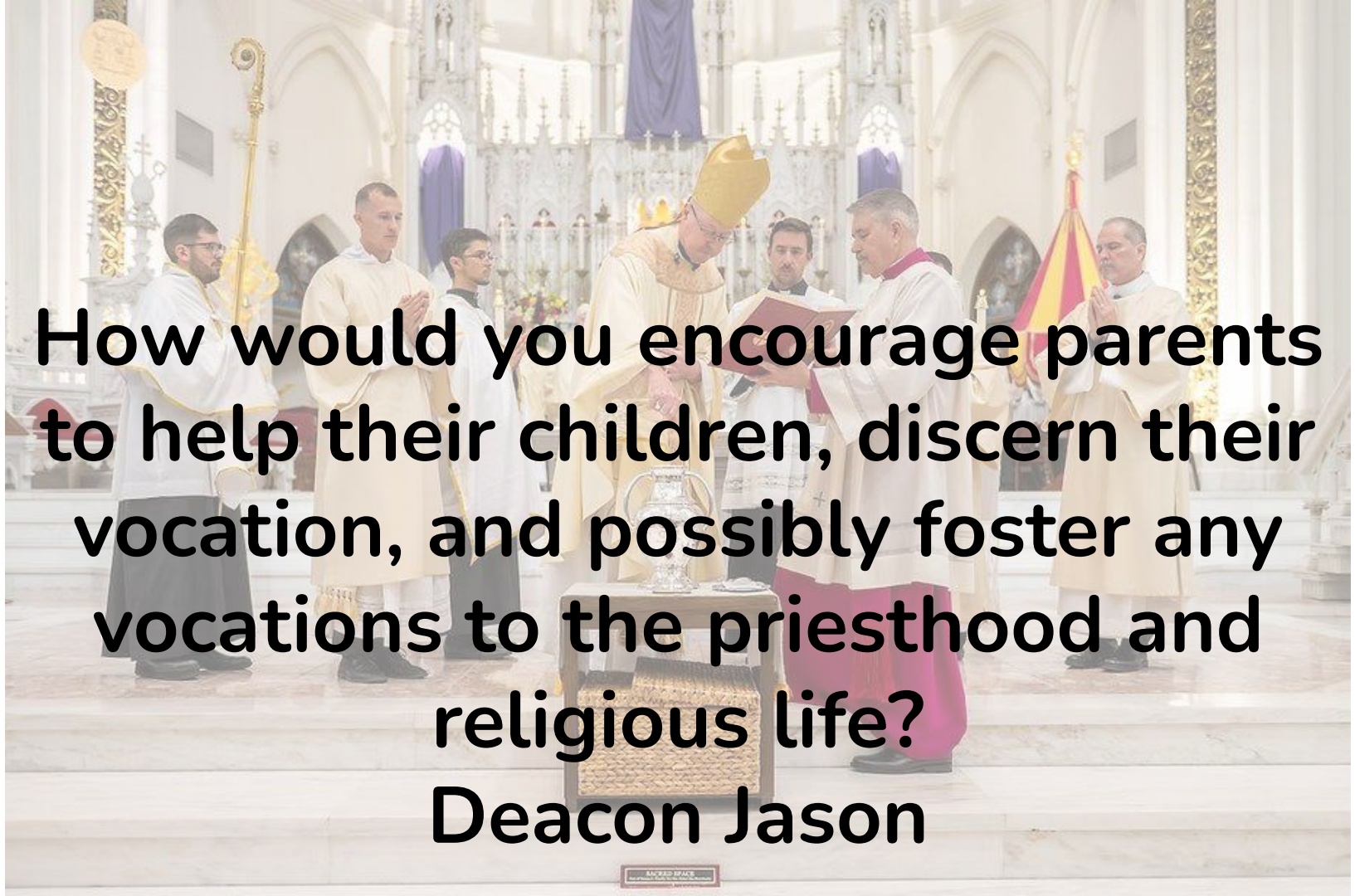
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**Describe what spiritual Fatherhood  
has meant in your own vocation?  
Fr. Martin**

**Describe how your vocation is an example of spiritual motherhood/bride?  
Sr. Marilu, MSCB**





**How would you encourage parents to help their children, discern their vocation, and possibly foster any vocations to the priesthood and religious life?  
Deacon Jason**



**What has been the most difficult  
part of your vocation?  
Sr. Marllu, MSCB**


A photograph of a church service. A priest in white vestments is performing a ritual at an altar, holding a chalice and a host. Other clergy members are visible in the background. The altar is covered with a white cloth and has several lit candles. The church has a wooden ceiling and pendant lights.

**What is the most joyful part  
of your vocation?  
Fr. Martin**



**Based on your experience, what is something parents should not do with their children in regards to fostering a vocation?**

**Deacon Jason**

A group of seven people are posed in a church sanctuary. In the center, two young boys in white shirts and ties stand together. To their left and right are two nuns in black habits with white veils. Behind them stand three women in casual attire. The background features a large crucifix on the right, a green banner with a white floral design on the left, and several wooden chairs. The floor is carpeted, and the overall atmosphere is bright and formal.

**What is an apostolate and what is  
your religious order's  
mission/apostolate?  
Sr. Mary John, OCD**



**Parent Questions.....**

**Raise your hand to direct your question to someone on the panel.**

**Or**

**Turn in your note card with your question written on it.**



## RESOURCES

- Ascension Presents: [3 Ways Parents Help Their Children Discern](#)-Jackie and Bobby
- Formed.org-[Tips for Vocational Discernment w/ Fr. John Ignatius Ezratty \(AUDIO\)](#)
- Ascension Presents:[The #1 Mistake People Make When Discerning Their Vocation](#)-Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Formed.org-[Chapter 27: Vocations-Loving and Serving the Poor](#) with Fr. Mark Mary Ames, CFR



## MEMORARE

**R**EMEMBER, O MOST gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.

AMEN.