

What might be the signs of God's Call?

Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit to be our counselor, our wisdom, and our every present aid to living a good Christian life, one in which we try to become more like Jesus. When we pay attention to the Holy Spirit active in us we find ourselves more and more at peace whatever the decision we are contemplating. So an active prayer life, the desire to discern your call is the first consideration.

There are also other indicators that you can recognize in your daily life, for example:

Growing Faith -- A woman experiences an increased awareness of God in his life and a developing appreciation of Jesus, His way of life, His mission, His holy people the Church, His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and His Sacraments.

Growing Zeal -- A young woman's developing friendship with Jesus will come to more and more share His mission of building the Kingdom of God and fulfilling the Father's plan for creation.

Growing Desire To Be Consumed -- A young woman's increasing desire to give himself completely to the Lord.

Growing Interest in the Life and Work of a Sister -- A woman's growing wonderment at what it would be like to give herself completely to the Lord and the works of the Lord

Growing Sensitivity to the Needs of People -- A young woman who enjoys being around people and has a caring attitude toward all.

Growing Desire to Serve People -- A young woman exhibiting a desire to put her gifts at the service of others in her community and her church.

Growing Willingness to respond to a Call for Leadership -- A woman's growing realization that she might be able to lead others to Christ while using her God-given gifts. This doesn't mean that she will necessarily seek out positions of leadership but that she is truly open to service and willing to take initiative when appropriate.

Growing Sense That God Has Something Great Planned for You -- A woman with the sense that there are more important things in life and God is calling her to be part of these deeper mysteries.

Notice the word **GROWING** in each of these. None of us start out perfect but we do promise God to continually strive for the measure of holiness that we are capable of. In fact St. Vincent encourages us to desire growth in holiness and to strive for it throughout our lives even if we are not satisfied with the results of our efforts. The desire itself is pleasing to God.

There are some other signs as well. If you have the service of a Spiritual Director or Counselor, you could explore the possibility together and the advice you receive should prove helpful to you.

Finally, trust the good Lord. If it truly God's gift, God will not fail to make the gift known to you.