Serra Club Vocation Awareness

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 There are three main vocations, or life paths, to which a Catholic can follow. These are holy orders, the single life, and the married life. Through holy orders, a person becomes an example of Christ, redeeming the world and administering grace to the world through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Those who enter this vocation work to lead others to holiness. In the single life, those that are unmarried work to grow towards a strong spiritual life with Christ through work, prayer, and the sacraments. They become holy through the graces received in the sacraments and they are called to use their money and freedom for the good of the Church and to glorify Christ in the world. Some people remain single so that they can serve Christ in the world in ways that would be less convenient if they had a family. In the married life, a man and woman become one family that love each other until death when they part. They work to help the other love and serve God so that they may both eventually reach Heaven and live there happily with each other and God eternally. The couple is also called to bear and raise children, bringing new souls to the Church so that they may also finally reach Heaven.

Out of the three main vocations of the Church, I am most interested in entering the married life. I feel a special calling to this vocation for several reasons. The first reason is that I would like to be able to find someone meant for me and spend the rest of my life happily with them. We would help each other along the path to Heaven and ultimately spend eternal life with God in Heaven. I also wish to be able to have children someday, which, as a Catholic, you can only do when you are married. I wish to have children for several reasons. The first is that I love babies and children, and I want to be able to take care of my own someday. I wish to be able to make my own mark on them, feed them, clothe them, teach them, and do all things needed for them to grow spiritually in life toward God. I want to be able to raise them as good Catholics who will someday live with God eternally in Heaven. I believe that my personality would best fit this category for a multitude of reasons. First of all, I believe that I am, and have been told by several people, a very caring, generous, loving, and kind person. When somebody is hurt, I always help them, make sure they are okay, and get them whatever it is that they need to help them feel better. When somebody is sad or upset, I am always able to comfort them, make them feel better, and cheer them up. Therefore, I feel that I would make an incredible parent because I would be able to care for my children with all of my heart. When they are sick, I would care and make them better. When they are crying, I would comfort them. When they are happy, I would be joyful with them.

 I know many people that live in the vocation of married life. However, the people that I most admire in this vocation are my parents and my grandparents. My parents are both accountants. They take me and my siblings to mass every weekend. They also donate money to the Church every week at mass and they donate cans and other food to the food drives hosted yearly by the Church. I admire how loving and supportive of me they have been throughout my life. They always care for me when I’m sick, or comfort me when I’m sad. When I need to decide something, they are always supportive of my decision. In all that I do they encourage me to do my best. Most importantly, they are always helping me to strive to keep Christ at the center of whatever it is that I may be doing, whether that be academics, sports, or anything else that may be going on. My grandparents are both retired from their jobs. However, in all the free time that they have, they are always including God in it. They too attend mass on a weekly basis, where they make a donation to the Church as well. They also attend the morning mass every Tuesday when the whole school is there. I admire many things about them. One of these is that they are have a very caring personality. Every time that I visit them, they are always asking how I am, how things are going with school and sports, and if I need anything. They too have helped me grow spiritually by stressing the importance of going to Church and having God as the focus of my life.

 I believe that I can serve Christ and the Church in a variety of ways by living the married life. One way is by bringing new souls to the Church and to God through bearing children. I can raise my children as good Catholics who know the significance of having God in their lives. I can make sure that they attend weekly mass by taking them every week. I could also encourage them to become altar servers to make them have a new perspective of the mass. Another way that I could serve God is through encouraging myself and others to help within the Church. I can donate money to the Church. I can help with fundraisers and other events hosted by the Church. I can also become a Eucharistic Minister of Communion, helping others to receive the Body and Blood of Christ and have His presence within them. An occupation that I can see myself doing is being a pediatrician. I will be able to serve others in this role by helping children and caring for them so that they can recover from their illnesses and injuries. I will also be able to comfort them and cheer them up if they are upset. Lastly, I will be able to bring Christ to others by keeping Him at the center of my work.

 I believe that I have a strong relationship with God that will help guide me in married life. I serve at mass, which gives me a whole new view of the mass. Serving helps me to remain close to God and understand how important it really is to have Him at the center of my life. By having God at the center of my life, I am able to trust in Him and know that along my life journey, He will be able to help me with what I need, and if things are not looking good, then it will eventually get better because God is with me. Prayer with help me along my journey by keeping me close to God. Through prayer, I can talk to God about my day, thank Him for the bountiful gifts that he has given me, and ask Him for any needs that I may need His help in. Scripture will help me along my way by giving me an insight into the revelation of God and what He wants of people. The writings may inspire me to go do something good for the Church, like work in a soup kitchen. The Church can help me by allowing me to encounter God and have His presence inside of me, which can enlighten me so that I may know what I am called to do. The sacraments can help me by allowing me to become a mature Catholic and understand the faith more truly. The sacrament of marriage will ultimately complete my journey along the path to the vocation of married life.

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