YOUTH & VOCATION

The Bible is packed with stories of ordinary people who did extraordinary things when responding to God’s call. Yet it is interesting to read in the Bible that those whom God called did not always immediately say “Yes” but sometimes hesitated a great deal before finally answering God’s call. Moses is a good example of someone who kept putting aside the call of God because he was scared of what God was asking of him. We too can become scared and are often bewildered of what lies ahead of us. When we are young we dream about doing things that we hope to achieve one day. Through hard work and determination we can become what we have dreamed of and worked so hard for. Our vocation can be a religious one or we may want to become a teacher, a doctor, an optician, a pilot, or even a footballer. In our hearts we know what we want to do when we grow up, and like Moses we can push aside what we are called to do. Let us find the strength to be true to ourselves and follow our vocation, whatever it may be.

Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.

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“As young people you can't and shouldn't lose hope. It's simply part of your nature. A young person without hope isn't young. It's someone who has aged too soon.”
A Prayer For Our Young People

God our Father, You see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture won't tell you to be a computer programmer, teacher or physiotherapist. The Bible can show you three essential needs that you must address in order to have a sense of well-being in your future career. The most satisfied employees are those who are content with their pay, have freedom to express their gifts, and feel they are serving others in a meaningful way. These people are not just earning a living; their vocation gives them life.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.” (Jeremiah 1:5)