

Homily Hints

The Big Question:

“Where am I going in life?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to identify the various levels of authority and ministry in the Church
2. to grow in faith together with all the members of the Church, using our gifts and talents to fulfill our own particular vocation
3. to respond to Christ by sharing his love and care with others each day.

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Many Big Questions in this unit of the *We Live Our Faith* program have been leading up to this question: “Where am I going in life?” Young people, whether they verbalize it or not, are thinking about this question. It’s not too early at this stage to begin trying to discern a path, a way to lead their lives.

Discuss ways that membership in the Church gives strength to its members. Members of the Church are anchored in the faith and tradition of the Catholic Church. Young people can look to the Pope, bishops, to you, and to the ministers in your parish as leaders to help them continue on their chosen path. Jesus Christ is the source of all authority and ministry in the Church, and through the Deposit of Faith—the truth contained in the Scripture and Tradition that Christ revealed and entrusted to the Apostles and thus to their successors, the bishops, and the entire Church—all of us have a foundation of faith that allows us to discern where we are going in life with strength and clear-headedness.

Remind the young people that whatever vocation they chose, they will always have the common vocation of our call from God to holiness and to evangelization. Impart the joy and the enthusiasm that is found in living out our common vocation; whether in the laity, consecrated life, or ordained ministry. You may want to quote Scripture found in this chapter: “There are different forms of service but the same Lord” (1 Corinthians 12:5).

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