

Homily Hints

The Big Question:

“How am I preparing for my future?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to understand the particular call to service lived out by those in the laity, the consecrated life, and the ordained ministry
2. to contemplate these particular vocations and their possibilities for our own lives
3. to serve God and the Church now by spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Reflect about when you began to discern your vocation. Personal example is a profound way to introduce the concept of preparing for the future by taking time in prayer and contemplation to begin to understand God’s call.

Junior high students are beginning to think about what they might be and do in the future, and about the possibilities for their own lives. Stress to the young people that they take time to talk and listen to God in prayer to begin to discern God’s call to them. This is the first and most fundamental step in preparing for the future.

Discernment involves understanding one’s role in the life of the Church. No matter what one’s vocation ultimately is, all vocations help to spread the Kingdom of God in the world. All of us have a mission and a place in spreading the Kingdom. Emphasize to the young people that they can spread the good news of Jesus Christ to friends, family, and to the community right now.

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