



# **APOSTOLIC VOCATION**



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Question ①

No member of the church is ever off duty in the apostolic life of Christ. The Sacrament of Baptism has incorporated us into the living body of Christ. The church's faithful people has become the member of Christ, mystical body, through the virtue of baptism. The head of the church encourages us that we should be active.

The fathers of the church in their doctrine teaches us "It is incumbent on every member of the church to contribute in his or her own share in spreading the faith". They used the analogy of human body to explain the importance of the contribution of each part for the successful working of the whole. As each part of the body is working and contributing its own quota in the functioning of the body, the whole body tends to be healthy and active in its function. Therefore, the whole Christian members of the church as part of the living body of Christ incorporated due to the virtue of baptism, should be active and contributing in the work of Christ for the successful function of the Christ's body which is the church. As the body has its different functions, the functional body of the church which is Christ is the priestly, prophetic and kingly.



functions which works at different levels for the growth of the church. As different parts of the body is working to the betterment of the whole, no matter the size, no member of the church should consider his work or contributions insignificant. As the body's head needs its feet so does Christ who is the head of the church needs its members.

If any part of the human body lags behind in its function and does not contribute in the collective work of the body, it causes the whole body pain and inconvenience. Also if any member of the Christ's body lags behind in his work and does not contribute his or her own share, it causes the whole body which is Christ pain and inconvenience. Therefore no member of the church is ever off duty in the apostolic life of the church.

As the body cooperates collectively and does not remain passive in its function, so does the members of the church should not be inactive in its share of the work of Christ. The church as a community should do what it ought to do in sharing the mission of Christ's apostolate which is to serve God and offer him gifts, receive and hand on his words and to help build his Kingdom on earth.



The notion of Apostolic vocation is the vocation of all Christ's faithful people, that is the members of the church. It is a call to holiness and apostolate. Holiness is an attribute of God and all who possess this vocation should strive to acquire the attribute holiness.

God the giver of all calls in his relation with the people of Israel manifested loving kindness and compassion, righteousness and justice (Ex 34:6-7). He directed Moses to command the people of Israel to imitate his holiness "Tell the congregation of Israel that they should be holy for I their God is holy" (Lev 19:2). Holiness is quality and being of God.

Apostolate is the sharing in the vocation of Christ, who is the head of the church. The vocation of Christ is to bring all the sons of man back to God. We share in this Christ's mission who was sent by God the father. Apostolate also refers to each and every activity<sup>church</sup> that is directed to Christ mission which is to bring souls back to Christ. Hence, an obedient response towards serving Christ and sharing in his mission is an apostolic vocation.

The members of the church is pre-eminent living and proclaiming the life of Christ by



the mystical body of Christ through their work. Any Christian work done in the name of Christ receives authentication or is part of the work of Christ here on earth. Before Christ ascended into heaven he handed over his work to his successors to be carried on while he is gone to meet the father.

The fathers of the Church teaches us that all Christian vocation is the work of apostolate. Christ instituted the Church to program the work of Christ God so that all men should participate in the salvation and redemption of soul. Any work of the mystical body of Christ with this view is apostolate in nature (Apostolicam Activitatem). Therefore every member of the Church should participate in the mission and vocation of Christ. No member is off duty in the proclaiming and sharing in the salvific work of Christ.



## Question (6)

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- (1) Challenges that comes from type of person <sup>ment</sup> ~~att~~
- (2) Social, political and economic challenges
- (3) Secretarianism or division
- (4) Intellectual challenges
- (5) Pride - too much attachment to properties
- (6) Wrong spirit - double dealing

Challenges that comes from type of person or temperaments: Our temperaments often affect our type of person and how we behave. Sometimes, thus, it is one of the factors that affect apostolic vocation. We have (4) four types of temperaments grouped into two, Sanguine and Choleric (extroverts), melancholy and phlegmatic (introverts). Thus each temperament has its own good sides and bad sides that often shows itself at different occasion. These are the features of the different temperament.

Sanguine

They are easy going people, very friendly and like being around people. They have good leadership quality, but they tend to be disorganised, lazing about and tends to be making unfulfilled promises. Hence, these bad qualities may affect the individual.



### Choleric

Choleric are goal oriented people, very competitive and hard working but their dark side are they may be very cantankerous and jealous about others, disorganised and may be weak.

### Melancholy

Melancholies are introspective, quiet and very conscious but they may be very dull and unbothered when they are in the dark side.

### Plegmatic

They are ~~weak~~ kind and easy going people, calm and cool headed, very gentle and tend to be a good listeners but they may be very unbothered and tactful in taking revenge and offending people.

### Social, political and economic challenges

These factors may affect apostolic vocation when a priest tends to be interested in social offices and high honors it will affect and distract him from his work. Also political ambitions can affect and distract people from being engaged in the work. Economic challenges can affect an apostolate to put hands and



be involved in what he ought not to be involved

### Secretarianism

This involves bringing the spirit of division and denigration in the work of apostolate. This vice tends to bring set back in offices and also bring injustice and commotion. The latest example of it in the church was the case of Ahiaza who was rejecting the bishop that was sent to them because he does not come from their region. Secretarianism should be shun in church.