

3. list 5 factors of that affect apostolic vocation and discuss them.

There are various factors that affects apostolic vocation, some of them includes:-

1. Intellectual Challenge.
2. Opposing doctrinal truth to pastoral practice.
3. Sectarianism or denominationalism - division.
4. Challenges coming from type of person and temperament.
5. The Challenge of need to have the answer to problems.
6. Pride - Attaching too much importance to the position of the believer.

INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGE.

One's level of intelligence is capable of affecting his ministry positively or negatively. In as much as the priesthood is a vocation for people who are intellectually sound, it is good to note that high intelligence can affect one's vocation. A minister who has high intelligence may have high expectations on the ministry such that

When these expectations are not met, he becomes disappointed. For instance, a highly intelligent priest may be expecting to be sent abroad for further studies or to be placed in one of the viable offices in the diocese but ends up being posted to a parish in the interior village. He will become disappointed and may not diligently carry out his pastoral work to the parishioners.

Furthermore, the priesthood is also not for medics and those who are not intellectually sound. A person in this category will also find it very difficult to cope with the very demanding office of a priest. He may not be able to handle certain situations that demand intelligence and also may not be able to pastor his congregations adequately.

OPPOSING DOCTRINAL TRUTH TO PASTORAL PRACTICE.

This is another factor that affects apostolic vocation adversely. It implies a situation whereby one deviates from the original mind of the church while carrying out his ministry. The ministry is that of Christ and must be carried out according to the

mind of Christ and not of the priest.

A priest is thus required to carry out the ministry without adding or subtracting anything. The point of emphasis here is that the rule of belief should influence the rule of prayer and the rule of prayer should influence the rule of action.

SECTARIANISM OR DENOMINATIONALISM - DIVISION.

This is another factor which affects apostolic vocation. It refers to the classification or better still the division of ministers according to their various areas or other categories. This heralds division among them and hinders apostolic vocation in the Church.

The Church is one body and every minister is a member of the body of the Church hence there is need to eschew any form of sectarianism or denominationalism among ministers. This would make everyone to see themselves as functioning in the one body of Christ, the Church and foster apostolic vocation.