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***Vocation and a Life of Commitment***

“Lakbay Bokasyon”

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**Dear Rev. Father/ Rev. Sister:**

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:7)!**

***Noli me vocare; ego te vocabo!*** (Don’t call me; I’ll call you!) Perhaps this is one of the sweetest things that one may hear from God. It is a sign that one is being called to a special kind of vocation – religious life. Being called to the religious life is probably one of the best things that can happen to a person like you.

In our school, we have been talking about vocation and a life of commitment throughout the second semester. Part of our performance task for the fourth quarter is “***Lakbay Bokasyon***” which aims to have an encounter with someone who is in this kind of vocation and understand what it really means to be in the religious life.

In line with this, **I/We** would like to ask a little of your time to answer some questions as part of our course requirements in Christian Life Formation 2. We are hoping that you would spare some of your time and help us in achieving our goal.

Being called to this kind of vocation is a privilege given only to a few. It is indeed an affirmation that many have been called yet only a few are chosen.

Rest assured of our constant prayers for more vocations to the religious life. May the grace of perseverance from our Good Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the prayers of our Blessed Mother, the Ever Virgin Mary, remain with you now and always.

**Sincerely,**

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**CLF 2: Vocation and a Life of Commitment**

Name: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ Responsible Team 5 Grade & Section: ABM XI-St.Rita of Cascia

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Priest/Religious man/Woman Interviewed: Fr. Mario

**CRITICAL INSIGHT/S**

**Narrate your whole experience about your Performance task.**

We have a lot of experience on our performance task. We woke up early to prepare things upon going to our destination, then at exactly 10:00 am, we met at the church of Naga City, Cebu. We talked to the organizer of the church to ask if there's any available priest on that time and luckily we are given some time by the only available priest on the church. We are so thankful for we are given a chance to talk to a priest that time. We talk a lot of things. We talk about life and such. Before asking him about the questions that we've prepared, we make sure that if it is ok for him if we can take photo of him in the middle of our interview and he agreed to it. He is good upon answering to our questions and he also gave us advice about life in order for us to face life.

Sadly, there are members who were not able to come with us because of personal reasons. Kurt Jay Pableo, a member of our group, is not allowed by his parents to come with us because the location is far from his house.

**SIGNIFICANT ANSWERS**

**FROM THE INTERVIEW**

**1. What made you decide to commit to this vocation?**

I found myself no other choice, no other opportunity kay abogado or mag engineer man unta ko pero tungod sa kalisud sa kinabuhi wa na koy choice but to grab this opportunity kay mao man ang gihatag sa akoa, ako nalang gidawat. Mao sad tingali ang ganahan sa Ginoo para sa akoa. I felt that I was called by God. Also, I have no regrets in choosing this vocation. Living in the parish and ministering to people is something that brings me happiness and joy.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. What’s the most beautiful aspect in this vocation that you have chosen to heed?**

Being able to witness and help others through various stages of life, from baptisms and weddings, all the way to last rites and funerals, is an honor and privilege no other profession gets to share. I can think of no greater task on earth than that of helping people to gain the joy of eternal life in heaven, and that is the most beautiful aspect in this vocation.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Were there times when you feel tired? How did you cope with that challenge?**

Of course, just like machines I get tired at times, physically and spiritually. I am just a human, and if ever I get tired, I pray and try to draw strength from my love to God.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4. What sustains you in this chosen vocation?**

I pray and take breaks from time to time. Also, what sustains me the most in this vocation is my undying love towards God.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5. In what way can lay people, like us, help you persevere in this vocation?**

First, pray for us always. Always remember to include us in your prayers because that alone can already be a big help to us. Second, if you ever see a problem in us, please understand and don't ever hesitate to talk to us and lastly, reconcile.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

**What learnings/realizations have you gained from the experience? Give at least 3 (three).**

Through this interview, we are able to distinguish the differences with one's personal views. We are able to gather some ideas from our respondents for us to be enlighten with their thoughts about such topic. I think that interviewing is one of the most important things to do in researching, for reasons that we may learn from them and also we would know their thoughts on certain topic. I myself have experienced being interviewed and would like to share the ideas that I have in my mind. Our curiosity is one of the reasons why we ask, we can't calm ourselves if we can't afford to know something about what we really want to know. An interview is a conversation where questions are asked and answers are given. In common parlance, the word "interview" refers to a one-on-one conversation between an interviewer and an interviewee. So with that we are already aware of the differences with one's opinion that would lead us into conclusions. Despite all that, we know that we will be siding to one's view if we are able to understand its side. We will base our interviewers in the topics that we are tackling. For some reasons that they might have the best ideas that suits to the topic and they will be answering the questions because they have knowledge about it.

-Kurt Jay Pableo

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

**What learnings/realizations have you gained from the experience? Give at least 3 (three).**

The learnings/realizations that I have gained from the experience are, we should be ready all the time specially upon facing other people. It made me realize of some things in life that in doing things we should be kind all the time so that the output of the things we've made will become successful. In doing things it should have a process because in everything we do in life should come up with a process so that the effect of it is the sweetest reward which is success. On our performance task we experienced a lot of things. We learn how to balance our time and how to manage our schedules. It taught us a lot of lessons especially on how to talk someone. It motivate us in life upon choosing the things that we should push through for our better future someday. Also, we should grab the opportunities that we have in life because sometimes it is one way for us to know who we really are and what the purpose of our life in this world is. I am thankful for I am one of the students who is given a chance to talk someone who taught us lessons not just about our performance task but also a lessons in life that we can treasure in our entire life such as knowing where you belong and trusting God's plan for us.

-Mereyvi Tapuyao

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

**What learnings/realizations have you gained from the experience? Give at least 3 (three).**

When we get there we didn't make an appointment yet so we are waiting for the priest who is available. But sad to say we are scolded by the priest who we interviewed because we didn't make an appointment a day before. In these circumstances we are much aware that we should consider some things and learn from it. Rules and regulation, or courtesy rather is important. We have to consider that others also has other things be done, so as student have taught by our school we have to apply it. Going to the mission that we successfully done. Our mission is our goal. Mission to share our insights about the vocation of priest and share also their perspective about it. A vocation is a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation. During the interview I was shocked and confuse about his answer because I did not expect at all.

For your information the priest has a different vocation that he wants to take but poverty strikes them so he have no choice but to grab the only opportunity that has given to him. Poverty is also the main reason why others being put in that very hard situation and just giving up their dreams in order to graduate from college. Education is important that's we have to appreciate those little things that we have because others don’t have. Even studying in the most prestigious school, we are so lucky and blessed. We are so blessed because we have everything and anything while others struggles from finding some foods, opportunities, and make a better living. But everything in this world is unfair. The poor one may be has something that rich don’t have, and rich one has something that poor don’t have, vice versa.

In our experience in doing our mission is very challenging and nervous at same time because of the circumstances that we've face. But there may be negatives but the positivity is still there. Motivating and inspiring us to do our mission well and to be successful. Also we have to be grateful of what we have right now and appreciate little things that others has given to us. In choosing also our vocation we have to be wise at all times and love with it. Even though you are forced to that opportunity but still you're in that vocation so you have to follow also the rules and the most import is love. Love in what you are doing and the rest you will also love them.

-Shen Lovely Miego

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

**What learnings/realizations have you gained from the experience? Give at least 3 (three).**

Based on the priest’s answers that we have gathered, there are a lot of things that I have learned and realized. I have learned that what have made them decide to commit to this vocation is due to God’s calling and it is also what God has planned for them to be, a mediatory agent between humans and God. I have also learned that just like us, they also get tired at times. Being a priest, he must’ve had an open heart that empathizes with the people that might’ve exhaust him. He has a big responsibility to carry so in order to cope with that, he takes a break from time to time. I have also realized how enjoyable would it be like to become one. From his answers, I can tell that he loves being a priest and being able to witness some of the important and meaningful moments of different people. Someday, I would also like to be a part of people’s lives just like how they are there for us, guiding and helping us by being someone that helps us connect and become closer to God through their mission to spread His word.

-Nichole Rose Postrero

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

**What learnings/realizations have you gained from the experience? Give at least 3 (three).**

Knowing the priest's journey on becoming a priest proves that God has planned everything for us. God speaks to us in ordinary ways, guiding us every day in our lives. God's call to him isn't about the signs but his deep relationship and faith on God made him to join priesthood. Being a priest, they offer their whole lives to prayer and serving God and spread the word of God. The priest's comfort is the knowledge that they are leading people to God.

God calls each one of us to a different particular vocations in life. A call to priesthood is a calling to serve God and his people. They call us to help build a community of love for Christ and the Kingdom of God. I think this is our vocation as Christians, even through school, work or everywhere in our lives, God wants us to build his kingdom. His journey on becoming a priest proves me that if things didn't work out, it is because God has planned something better. God's plan will always be greater and beautiful than our expectations. So trust God and make God the center of everything that you do.

-Alexandra Nicole Bancale

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

**What learnings/realizations have you gained from the experience? Give at least 3 (three).**

Choosing things that aren't our passion is choosing God's will for us. For everything happens for a reason. God intended things to occur for many positive reasons we just don't appreciate those. We always thought it is just pure coincidence and luck happening all the time. But we people doesn't have a small idea how great God's plan is. That is why perfect things comes at the right place and time, we just need to wait. Patience and understanding are our virtue in life for perfect things takes time.

Just like choosing our career to pursue during lifetime. If it wasn't God's plan for you it will never last but if it is His plan then it will have no end. Just like those people who are pursuing their vocation life. If it wasn't God's plan for them maybe they are not in their convents praying and serving. They continue to serve Him for being able to witness and help others through various stages of life, from baptisms and weddings, all the way to last rites and funerals, is an honor and privilege no other profession gets to be share. Conclusion, I hope that all of us may wait for God's perfect timing.

-Hannah DelaCerna

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

Vocation is a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation. Choosing one’s vocation is a no easy task, for it takes courage and serious thought. A person’s vocation may change his life forever, that is why it needs to be thoroughly thought of. I was unable to go with the interview because I had to accompany my baby brother at my home. Nobody was able to be with him since my parents had work to do, so I sacrificed my time to go with the interview in order to take care of my baby brother. Regardless of being unable to go, realizations came inside my head that changed my perspective of things. Firstly, God do really work in mysterious ways. The priest who we interviewed stated that he committed to his vocation because he had no other opportunity. He wanted to become a lawyer or an engineer, but he did not have the financial capability to pay for the education. In my part, it felt like he entered priesthood because he had no other choice, but I remembered my teacher teaching me that God do really work in mysterious ways. So, I thought that maybe God placed him in that situation so that he would whole-heartedly accept the calling. Afterall, he had no regrets and he is happy to where he is today. Secondly, it takes great humility to help without asking something in return. The priest stated that helping people to gain their joy of eternal life in heaven, or helping in general, is the most beautiful aspect in his vocation. During my younger years, I feel bad if I would help someone or give someone a gift, and that someone will not give me something in return. My grandfather noticed that attitude of mine and corrected me. He taught me that the essence of helping is being selfless. He taught me that Christ even sacrificed his life just to save us from our sins. From that very lesson, I consciously changed my attitude for good. After that, I learned to find happiness in helping other people regardless of receiving something or not. I also developed an attitude wherein I always think of others before myself; thus, I tend to sacrifice my time to help other people. Thirdly, I learned that it is okay to feel tired, but one must never stop or never give up. It is normal for us humans to be tired of things such as work, studies, or even commitments to relationships, but there is always something that would help us overcome these, and that is called prayers. Fourthly, I learned that committing to your vocations is challenging. You may feel tired, but you have the passion that powers you up to keep on fighting. If you truly love your vocation, you will really never feel tired. Lastly, the priest’s answer of the last question intrigued me. It just proves my perspective that no one is an island. All of us need someone to support us in our endeavors. If you think that you are okay on your own, well you thought wrong. If we think about it, even the priests need our prayers; they need our prayers in order for them to be stronger and able to continue on in their vocations.

Choosing one’s vocation is a challenging task, for it takes dedication, mental fortitude, and the such in order to fully dedicate your lives to the chosen path. There are many paths out there, and each path is unique in their own ways. Of all the paths out there, there is one path that shines bright. This path may be filled with a lot of challenges, and it takes a great sacrifice to walk on this path. The path may be hard, but the destination is worth dedicating your lives. This path is called priesthood, and this path is the most beautiful path among the other paths.

-Lyle Dencel Homecillo

**PERSONAL INSIGHT/S**

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