

## Vocation: Key Concepts

<b>Vocation</b> (Pronounced Vo-kaash-un)	A strong sense of being called by God to do a particular career or occupation.
<b>Sacrament</b> (Pronounced Sac-ra-ment)	The Sacraments are defined as outward signs of inward grace, they help Christians in their spiritual life and to grow in holiness.
<b>Marriage</b> (Pronounced Ma-ridge)	The Sacrament of Marriage is a lasting commitment of a man and a woman to a lifelong partnership.
<b>Holy Orders</b> (Pronounced Whol-ee Orders)	Holy orders is the sacrament in which a man becomes a priest bishop or deacon.
<b>Mary</b> (Pronounced Mare-ee)	Mary is the mother of Jesus, who is the Son of God.
<b>Catholic Social Teaching</b> (Pronounced Kath-lick Sosh-ul Teach-ing)	CST is the part of Catholic teaching that addresses matters of social, economic and ecological justice in the world.
<b>Annunciation</b> (Pronounced An-un-see-ash-un)	The announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit to be called Jesus.

## Vocation: Key Beliefs



- Mary is an important figure for Christians. This is because of 4 main reasons. These are – the annunciation, immaculate conception, intercession and the assumption.
- There are 7 sacraments that Catholics are expected to take part in throughout their life, marriage and holy orders are particularly important as they are a way of following a religious vocation (calling from God).
- There are many examples of inspirational people who have followed their vocation and helped those who needed it most. For example, Marcus Rashford campaigned to provide free food packages to families and children who are financially struggling.



### What is a vocation?

A strong sense of being called by God to do a particular career or occupation.

A vocation is a way to show love to God and others.

For the Christian a vocation is not just something that God calls us to do, it is also the person God calls us to be. When Jesus called his first disciples by the Lake of Galilee it wasn't just so that they could help him in his work, it was so that their lives could be transformed through his friendship and love.

“You are the light of the world”

Matthew 5:13-16



### What was Mary's vocation?

Mary had a very unique vocation, and this was to bring Jesus into the world. Mary's vocation was also revealed to her in a special way – through an event that is called the annunciation. This was the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### How can we follow in Mary's footsteps?

Although we cannot be exactly like Mary because she was specially chosen by God for a very important reason, Christians today can follow in her footsteps by:

- Always showing faith and commitment to God
- By being a model of charity, just like Mary was

### What is the sacrament of marriage?

The Sacrament of Marriage is a lasting commitment of a man and a woman to a lifelong partnership, established for the good of each other and the procreation of their children



### What is the sacrament of Holy Orders?

Taking holy orders is a commitment for life both to God and to the Catholic Church. Holy orders is the sacrament in which a man becomes a priest bishop or deacon. Through Holy Orders, a man is made a priest to continue Christ's work on earth primarily by celebrating the sacraments, teaching, and preaching the word of God.



### How can we put faith into action?

Christians believe that there are many ways that we can put our faith into action and live out Jesus' teachings to follow the Golden Rule and treat everyone with respect. For example, working with charities like CAFOD to help people in poorer communities to access basic necessities like food, healthcare and an education.

Mother Theresa put her faith into action by founding a school in 1948 which provided an education for poor children who's families couldn't afford it.

