

## Some Communities of Women in Philadelphia

Bernardine Sisters of St. Francis  
[www.bfranciscan.org](http://www.bfranciscan.org)

Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm  
[www.carmelitesisters.com](http://www.carmelitesisters.com)

Daughters of St. Paul  
[www.daughtersofstpaul.org](http://www.daughtersofstpaul.org)

Dominican Sisters - St. Catherine de Ricci  
[www.elkinsparkop.org](http://www.elkinsparkop.org)

Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart  
[www.greynun.org](http://www.greynun.org)

Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
[www.acjusa.org/whowe.htm](http://www.acjusa.org/whowe.htm)

Little Sisters of the Poor  
[www.lspusa.org](http://www.lspusa.org)

Medical Mission Sisters  
[www.medicalmissionsisters.org](http://www.medicalmissionsisters.org)

Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity  
[www.msbt.org](http://www.msbt.org)

Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
[www.hometown.aol.com/mscvocdir/usa.html](http://www.hometown.aol.com/mscvocdir/usa.html)

Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales  
[www.oblatesisters.org](http://www.oblatesisters.org)

Order of Discalced Carmelite Nuns  
<http://home.att.net/~chorus>

Order of St. Basil the Great  
[www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com)

Order of St. Clare  
[www.poorclarepa.org](http://www.poorclarepa.org)

Religious of the Assumption  
[www.assumptionsisters.org](http://www.assumptionsisters.org)

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament  
[www.katharinedrexel.org](http://www.katharinedrexel.org)

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth  
[www.csfm.org](http://www.csfm.org)

Sisters of the Holy Redeemer  
[www.SistersHolyRedeemer.org](http://www.SistersHolyRedeemer.org)

Sisters of Mercy  
[www.sistersofmercymerion.org](http://www.sistersofmercymerion.org)

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia  
[www.osfphila.org](http://www.osfphila.org)

Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George  
[www.altonfranciscans.org](http://www.altonfranciscans.org)

Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia  
[www.ssjphila.org](http://www.ssjphila.org)

Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration  
[www.adorationsisters.org](http://www.adorationsisters.org)

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
[www.ihmimmaculata.org](http://www.ihmimmaculata.org)

Society of the Holy Child of Jesus  
[www.shcj.org](http://www.shcj.org)

## Some Communities of Men in Philadelphia

Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians)  
[www.vincentians.org](http://www.vincentians.org)

Brothers of Charity  
[www.brothersofcharity.org/en/](http://www.brothersofcharity.org/en/)

Brothers of the Christians Schools  
[www.brothersvocation.org](http://www.brothersvocation.org)

Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular (TOR)  
[www.franciscanfriarstor.com](http://www.franciscanfriarstor.com)

Norbertine Fathers and Brothers  
[www.daylesford.org](http://www.daylesford.org)

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales  
[www.oblates.org/vocations](http://www.oblates.org/vocations)

Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mercedarians)  
[www.orderofmercy.org](http://www.orderofmercy.org)

Order of Friars Minor  
[www.ofm-usa.com](http://www.ofm-usa.com)

Order of Friars Minor Capuchin  
[www.capuchin.com](http://www.capuchin.com)

Order of Friars Minor conventual  
[www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org)

Order of St. Augustine  
[www.augustinian.org](http://www.augustinian.org)

Society of Jesus (Jesuits)  
[www.jesuit.org](http://www.jesuit.org)

Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers)  
[www.spiritans.org](http://www.spiritans.org)

**Sister**

**Brother**

**Priest**

**Consecrated Life**

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

# *“I Am Among You As One Who Serves”*

*Luke 22:27*

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Through the Sacrament of Baptism every Christian has a vocation - a call from God - to holiness and service. This call is lived out by being single, married, ordained as a priest or deacon, or consecrated as a religious brother or sister. The Holy Spirit invites all of us to share our gifts, talents, and lives in service to others. God calls us from a silent voice deep within to “Come and follow me.”

Discovering the vocation that God has given you is a process that takes time. Your abilities and talents, the things that you enjoy doing, and the things that you dislike, can give you some important indications of what God is asking of you.

Your vocation is more than your career choice or occupation. It is God's invitation to live out your commitment to holiness and service in a specific lifestyle that you choose.

Throughout the centuries, men and women have responded to God's call to commit themselves wholly to God and God's people through the consecrated life.

## *Consecrated Life*

Some women and men choose to live a particular lifestyle called religious or consecrated life...

- ❖ Pattern their lives after Jesus through presence and availability.
- ❖ Live a shared life with a common mission and vision.
- ❖ Profess evangelical vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.
- ❖ Make time daily for prayer, ministry, and community.
- ❖ Follow the life and teaching of the founder of their community.

Most sisters, brothers, and priests are very ordinary people who love God and have a burning desire to be of service to others.

## *Could This Be Me?*

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?

What makes you most happy at this point in your life? How do you share that with others?

Who or what supports you in trying to be the best person you can be?

How are you of service to others?

What are you doing right now to help you decide about your future?

*To find out more about consecrated life:*

PRAY and spend time listening to God.

TALK to a sister, brother, or priest.

CONTACT the Office of the Vicar for Religious or VISIT the websites of some of the religious communities that serve within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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