

**St George’s Catholic Voluntary Academy**

 “Grow in Faith; have faith in growing.”

**Our Big Question**

**What is commitment in life?**

**Vocation & Commitment**

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| **Key Vocabulary and Definitions** |
| **anointing** | Make holy by applying oil. |
| **celibacy** | Choosing to love by serving God and all God’s people, rather than one person in marriage. |
| **commitment** | A promise, pledge, obligate or devote oneself to something.  |
| **dedicated** | To be devoted or committed to something.  |
| **Ordination** | The Sacrament or meeting point with God, where God equips men, like the apostles, with authority and sends them out to serve Him. |
| **prostrate** | To like flat on the ground, face-down. |
| **religious life** | Called to live in a religious community as brothers, sisters or priests. |
| **service** | To do things for other people and/or for God. |
| **vocation** | To feel called or drawn to live a particular way of life. |
| **vows** | Solemn promises. |

**Life Choices**

**Key Knowledge**

* Through Baptism and Confirmation, all Christians are called to share in the mission of Jesus – to make known that God’s love is for everyone.
* We are free to decide how/if we follow God’s call.
* There are different missions or **vocations**, including becoming a priest or the calling to **religious life**.
* There are many types of religious orders.
* A person entering religious life makes **vows**. The three most common **vows** are: Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.
* Priests make promises of **celibacy** and obedience.
* Saint John Mary Vianney is the patron saint of priests.

***At the Sacrament of Holy Orders or Ordination:***

* The ordinand lies **prostrate** during the Litany of Saints.
* The Bishop lays his hands on the head of the ordinand and prays the prayer of consecration (asking God to bless the ordinand and make him a faithful witness).
* The new priest receives his stole and chasuble.
* The new priest’s hands are **anointed** with the Oil of Chrism to make them holy – marked out for God’s **service**.
* The new priest receives a paten and host.
* He receives the Sign of Peace and is now a priest.
* Saint Francis of Assisi started a religious order.

The Franciscans promise to be poor like Jesus

and share everything.



**Scripture**

**Mark 1: 9-11** (Jesus’ Baptism)

**John1: 35-41** (Andrew and Simon called)

**2 Timothy 1: 9** (Called according to God’s purpose)

**Mark 16: 15** (Go out to the world)

**Genesis 12: 1-4** (God’s call to Abraham)

**Mark 10: 16** (Laying of hands)

**Acts 8: 17** (Receiving the Spirit)

**John 13: 1-17** (Washing feet – service)

**Matthew 6: 19-21** (Treasures in Heaven)

**Luke 5: 26-27, Mark 2: 14, Mark 1: 16-20, Matthew 9:9, Matthew 4: 19-22** (Follow me)

**Colossians 3: 12-17** (Chosen of God)





**Key Skills**

* I can **show understanding** of religious sources, explaining how sources affect what Christians believe about vocation and how they live. AT1 (i)
* I can use secure religious vocabulary to **give reasons** for the actions and symbols used in the Sacrament of Ordination and begin to **show understanding**. AT1 (ii)
* I can **show understanding** of how religious belief in vocation shapes the lives of Christians. AT1 (iii)
* I can **show how** my own decisions about commitment to service and care of others are influenced by beliefs. AT2 (i)
* I can begin to **engage in discussions** about vocation and commitment, in light of religious teaching. AT2 (ii)
* I can express different points of view and give many reasons for it. AT3

**Other Sources**

**Hymns Prayers**

Follow Me Prayer of John Henry Newman

We will go out Litany of Saints

Here I am Lord Prayer for Vocations

Go out in the World St.Teresa of Avila

**Significant Figures**

Blessed John Henry Newman – Called for a definite service

Pope Benedict XVI – The priest is God’s messenger

Teresa of Avila – Christ has no body on earth but ours





**Prior Knowledge and Skills**

* I have given reasons for the symbols and actions of **Baptism**, **Confirmation** and the **Sacrament of Marriage**.
* God **calls** people in different ways.
* Through the **Sacraments**, the **Holy Spirit** helps us to grow closer to God in love and guide us in our lives.
* A Christian is **anointed** with the oil of **Chrism** at Baptism and Confirmation as a sign of being called and marked for God’s service.
* Through Baptism, Christians are called to a particular mission/**vocation**. All are called to holiness.
* The laying on of hands is used at confirmation.
* **Blessed John Henry Newman** wrote “God has created me to do Him some definite **service**…”



**We are in Ordinary Time –** We continue to follow in Jesus’ mission.