St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"Grow in Faith; have faith in growing."



Vocation & Commitment What is commitment in life?

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.





Key Skills

- I can <u>show understanding</u> 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 <u>give reasons</u> for the actions and symbols used in the Sacrament of Ordination and begin to <u>show understanding</u>. AT1 (ii)
- I can **show understanding** of how religious belief in vocation shapes the lives of Christians. AT1 (iii)



- I can <u>show how</u> my own decisions about commitment to service and care of others are influenced by beliefs. AT2 (i)
- I can begin to <u>engage in discussions</u> 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



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.

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.

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)

Other Sources

Hymns Prayers

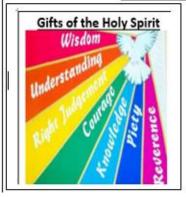
Follow Me Prayer of John Henry Newman

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

Christian Beliefs



Curiosity Aspiration Trust Faith Determination Respect

Forgiveness