What's a Vocation – Part 2

The word vocation means literally a calling, and a divine calling is a call from God. So why does God call us, and to what does He call us? He calls us to Himself, because he made us for Himself.

This call to unite ourselves with God is necessarily a call to holiness, because God Himself is Holy, and if we are to see him face to face one day, we must be like Him (see 1 John 3:2-3). To become holy, then, is a universal vocation – our first, most fundamental vocation. All those who hope to live with God forever must journey toward Him in the direction of ever-increasing holiness.

Even so, as we walk toward God in holiness, He opens up for us several paths forward. Some of us He calls along the way of marriage, and some along the way of singleness. Some He calls to become priests or deacons; others he calls to work as lay men and women in the world. And some lay men and women He calls to religious life.

Each of these paths, these callings from God is also a divine vocation. Each vocation has its own special role to play in the church, because we are called not to be just to become holy ourselves, but also to help others on their way home to God. ***www.vinneyvocations.com***