

Discerning the Signs of Being Called to be a Salesian Lay Missionary

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Desire

Do I experience a sense of hope, joy and peace when I think of myself as a Salesian Lay Missionary?



Motivation

What is my primary motivation for choosing this option for the next year or two?

(Be honest and rank your multiple motivations)

Knowledge of My Gifts/Limitations

- ✓ What are my talents and gifts I can bring to this experience?
- ✓ What are my shortcomings that might create a problem for me as an SLM?
- ✓ How generous & available am I to be an SLM?

Understanding My Relationships

- ✓ What do I look for in friendship?
- ✓ How do I handle confusion, tension and misunderstanding?
- ✓ How do I deal with confrontation?
- ✓ How good am I at communication?

Emotional Maturity

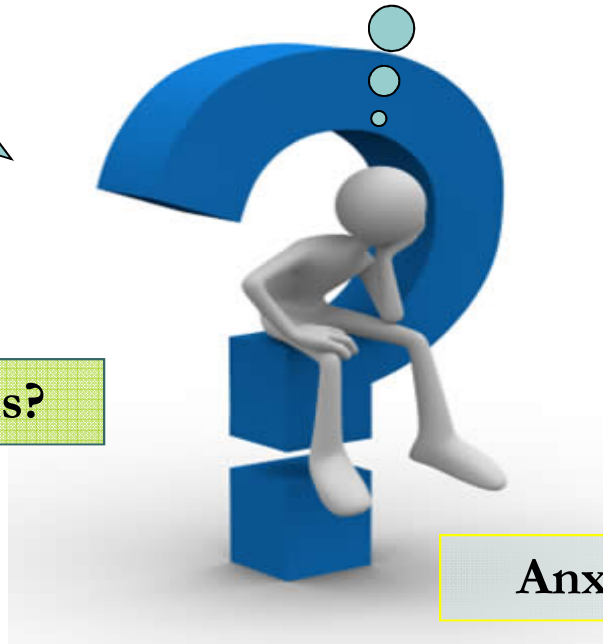
Am I Subject
To frequent
mood swings?

Am I able to cope
with people &
Situations?

Do I fall
into depression?

Addictions?

Anxieties?

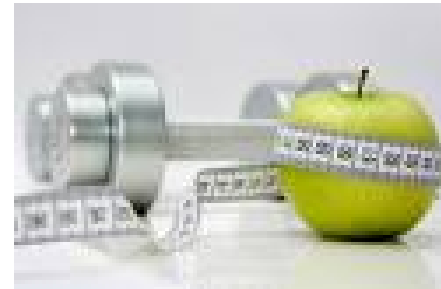


Spirit of Prayer

- Do I love God and stay in touch with Him daily?
- Do I love the Mass and keep it as a highlight of my weekly/daily life?
- Do I pray privately daily?
- Do I go to confession monthly?
- Am I striving for holiness?
- Do I have a devotion to Mary?

Sufficient Health

- ✓ Do I have sufficient health to do a year or 2 of SLM?
- ✓ Do I have specialized needs for diet? Work hours? Availability? And the placement I'll get?



Ability to Live in Community

- ❖ Can I make sacrifices for those I live with?
- ❖ Am I generous and capable of sharing?
- ❖ Can I live with others' quirks?
- ❖ Can I gently call others to task – even confront tough subjects when necessary?

Ability to Live Chastity

- Am I ready to serve & not get involved in any romantic relationships?
- Am I going to keep myself pure & avoid lustful thoughts and actions?
- Do I have psychosexual/affective maturity?

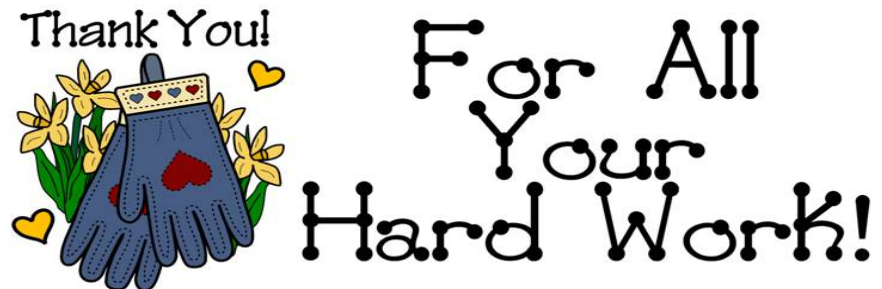


Love for Youth

- Do I really enjoy being in the presence of young people?
- Do I truly desire to help them grow?
- Am I concerned about helping them grow in their faith?
- What gifts and talents can I bring to my relationships with the young?

Hard Work

- What is my sense of duty?
- Do I always strive to do my best – do the *right thing at the right time*?
- Am I responsible?



Leader and/or Follower?

- Am I self-motivated?
- Can I do 'the extra'?
- Can I step in and see a need and run with it?
- Am I creative?
- Can I obey?

Self-discipline



- ✓ Do I have habits of a balanced-self disciplined life?
- ✓ What are my prayer, sleep, recreation, and study habits?
- ✓ Am I restless or settled?