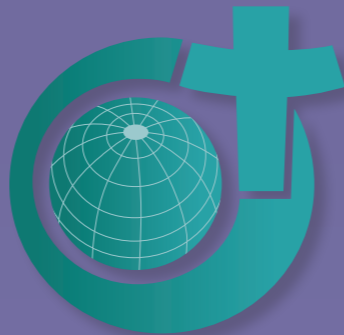




**“I have called you by name,
you are mine, follow me.”**

(Isaiah 43:1, Matthew 4:19)



HOW DO I HEAR GOD’S CALL?

Discovering your vocation is a journey called **discernment** — and it can begin at any stage of life.

Discernment means learning to listen:

- † to God in prayer,
- † in your experiences,
- † and in the quiet desires of your heart.

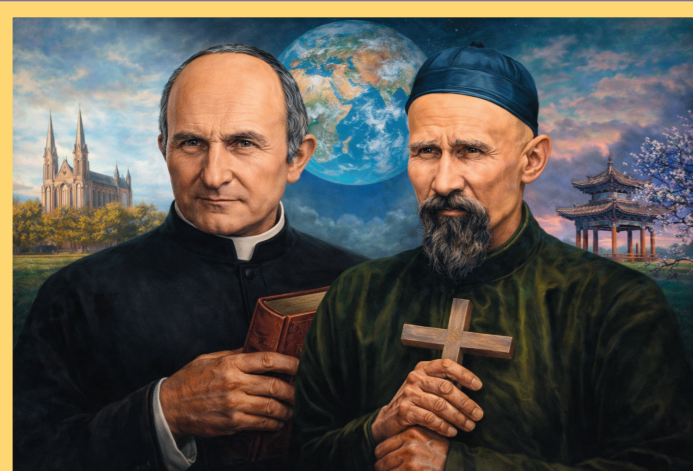
God calls each person in a unique way. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us:

“A vocation entails an intimate dialogue with the One who calls.”

Your vocation is how God invites you to love, to serve, and to give your life for others.

LIVE FOR SOMETHING THAT MATTERS.

IS GOD CALLING YOU? TAKE THE NEXT STEP.



OUR FOUNDER

Saint Arnold Janssen (1837–1909)

St. Arnold Janssen was born in Goch, Germany in 1837 and ordained a priest in 1861.

In 1875, he founded the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in Steyl, Holland, with a vision to send missionaries to proclaim the Word of God beyond the frontiers of the Church.

In 1879, he sent his first missionary, St. Joseph Freinademetz, to China — marking the beginning of a global mission that continues today. Both men were beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1975 and canonised by St. John Paul II in 2003.

Today, more than 6,000 Divine Word Missionary priests and brothers serve in over 80 countries.

As an international and multicultural community, we are sent to proclaim the **Word of God** and to share the love of Christ with all peoples — especially where He is not yet known, or where the Church is still growing.

WHAT IS A VOCATION?

Every Christian, through Baptism, is called by God to live a life of purpose — to love, to serve, and to help build His Kingdom.

This call can be lived in many ways: as a married person, a single person, or through priesthood or religious life.

At its heart, every vocation is about giving your life for others. God created us to love beyond ourselves — and in doing so, we discover true joy, meaning, and holiness.

WHAT IS RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Religious life is a complete gift of self to God, lived through the vows of **poverty, chastity, and obedience**.

Those in religious life dedicate their lives to God and to others, following Christ who came to serve.

As Divine Word Missionaries, this life is lived in community, prayer, and mission, proclaiming the Gospel and making Christ present in the world.



COULD I BE CALLED TO BE A DIVINE WORD MISSIONARY?

Perhaps. If this question has crossed your mind, it may already be the beginning of something deeper.

As a Divine Word Missionary, you would join a global, multicultural community of priests and brothers, sent to proclaim the **Word of God** and to serve across cultures and nations.

Our mission is to bring Christ to all peoples — especially where the Gospel is not yet known — and to build communities of faith through service, dialogue, and witness.

God often speaks in quiet and unexpected ways — through your experiences, your desires, and the questions that stay with you.

- † What is God placing on your heart?
- † Are you open to something more?
- † Could you be called to serve beyond yourself?

“Be who you are meant to be and you will set the whole world on fire.” - St Catherine of Siena

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

God continues to call.

If you are asking the question, you may already be on the path.

Take the next step — begin the conversation, and explore where God is leading you.

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Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you. Pope Leo XIV