

PATH FINDERS

LESSON 13: BOOK No. 10

MISSION THROUGH RELIGIOUS LIFE

Objective:

- To Understand the Role of Religious Life in the Mission of the Church
- To know the significance of the vows and how it support in mission
- To explore the unique role of religious vocations priests, brothers and sisters
- Foster a Commitment to Living Out the Church's Mission

Starter:

- A short video clip (2–3 minutes) of the work of modern-day missionaries or religious
- Imagine waking up every day knowing that your entire life is devoted to serving God and others. Ask the students “What do you think it would be like to live this kind of life? What would you give up? What would be the joys and challenges?”
- Share a short, inspiring story or testimony of a missionary or religious person
- Encourage students to share their initial reactions to the idea of religious life.

Presentation of Topic:

- Explain the foundation for religious life and mission from 1 Sam (3-9) , also religious figures who have lived out the Church's mission through different centuries.
- Introduce examples of how religious communities serve in parishes, education, healthcare, evangelization, and humanitarian efforts.
- Briefly introduce Historical Examples- some well-known figures in religious life

Habit Formation:

- Take out time for Silent Reflection: Spend a few moments in prayer, reflecting on their personal call
 - 1] How am I currently living out the mission of the Church?
 - 2] Could God be calling me through religious life ?
 - 3] What steps can I take to discern this call?
- I will be respectful in my dealings with the religious

Bible Verse: Phil 3:20

Activity

- Divide participants into small groups. Give each group one form of religious life to discuss, and then ask them to share key insights:- Priesthood: Serve through preaching, teaching, administering the sacraments, and pastoral care. How do priests help the Church live out its mission?
- Write down one aspect of religious life that inspires you, such as prayer, service, or community.