

Through Baptism and Confirmation, all Christians are called to share the mission of Jesus.

There are many different ways of carrying out that mission. For some people, their mission or vocation is as a priest or member of a religious order.

Christians believe that everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism.



## VOCATION & COMMITMENT

Year 6 Topic 2



### OUR BIG QUESTION

What is commitment in

#### REFLECTION




Almighty and eternal God,  
you keep together those you have united.  
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus your Son.  
We are all consecrated to you by our common  
baptism;  
make us one in the fullness of faith  
and keep us one in the fellowship of love.  
Amen.


#### KEY VOCABULARY

Commitment, vocation, mission,  
calling  
Ordination, Marriage, Baptism,  
ministry, priesthood, deacon, nun,  
bishop, Holy Orders, laity, clergy  
Vows, poverty, chastity, charity,  
celibacy  
Stole, chasuble, investiture, anointing,  
paten, chalice, kiss of peace

#### SCRIPTURE

Jesus's Baptism (Mark 1: 9-11)  
The First Disciples of Jesus (John 1: 35-41)  
"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be  
also." (Matthew 6:19-21)  
"You did not choose me, I chose you." (John 15:16)  
"The Lord has anointed me and sent me." (Isaiah  
61: 1-3)  
Jesus Appears to His Disciples (Matthew 28: 16-20)  
"So Mary said, 'Yes, I am a servant of the Lord.'" (Luke 1: 38-40)

<b>Definitions</b>	<b>Explanation &amp; Links</b>	<b>Related images</b>
<b>Commitment and dedication</b>	<p>Being devoted to a cause, task or purpose.</p> <p>During the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, one commits themselves to God. During the Sacrament of Marriage, one commits themselves to their husband or wife.</p> <p>The prayer of Blessed John Henry Newman:</p> <p>God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission... He has not created me for nothing.</p>	
<b>Calling</b>	<p>Some men and women are called to live in a religious community as brothers, sisters or priests. There are many different kinds of religious orders and the training for religious life is varied, depending which order a man or a woman joins. They will spend the first part living in a religious community and seeing if that is the right way of life for them. After that, if they continue, they will become a novice. At the end of their time as a novice, they will ask to be accepted by the religious order and make vows of commitment.</p> <p>One of the most well-known saints who was a member of a religious order was Francis of Assisi.</p>	
<b>Ordination</b>	<p>The apostles were called by Jesus to follow him and they left everything to be with him (John 1: 35-41).</p> <p>This is also true of the call to be a priest. When a man feels called to be a priest, he will need to pray, seek advice, be assessed, and spend many years training in a seminary. At the end of the training, diocesan priests make promises of celibacy and obedience to their bishop. They also try to live simply so they can be of service to God's people. If the man is still committed to being a priest and if his bishop accepts him, he will be ordained.</p>	

	<p>This sacrament is celebrated during Mass and it is the bishop who ordains. The man being ordained is called an 'ordinand'. He will be asked if he has freely chosen to be ordained and will make promises. He will lie flat on the ground in front of the altar while the Litany of the Saints is sung. The bishop prays the prayer of consecration. The man is now ordained as a priest.</p>	
<p><b>Vows</b></p>	<p>A person entering religious life also makes a vowed commitment. Religious vows are taken seriously as a way of life. The three most common vows are: Poverty – that is sharing everything with others, living a simple life, and knowing that you depend on God. Chastity – that is choosing to love by serving God and all God's people, rather than to love one person exclusively in marriage. Obedience – that is living in community and trying to listen and follow the will of God by taking part in the community life and mission.</p>	
<p><b>Baptism</b></p>	<p>Through the Sacrament of Baptism, Christians are called to share in the mission of Jesus (to share God's love for everyone and show people that living in God's way brings love, justice and peace for all the world).</p> <p>Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." (Mark 1: 1-9)</p>	