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RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Holy Orders:

Numbers 1:48-53; Hebrews 5:1-4; Leviticus 5:1, 5-6; Mark 6:7, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

Holy Orders: 1544-1547; 1581-1584

RELATED YOUCAT REFERENCES:

Holy Orders: 249-250; 256-259

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

This website has a lengthy, but not exhaustive, list of religious orders with links to their websites. The list includes orders for women religious should your young women be interested:

> http://www.shc.edu/ theolibrary/orders.htm

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal:

http://franciscanfriars.com/

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SYNOPSIS

Meet Will. He likes God and he likes girls. He thinks he might be called to the priesthood, but doesn't know for sure.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

* Use this as a humorous way to open up dialogue about discerning the priesthood. It can also be used as a springboard to talk about the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. What would influence you toward becoming a priest?
- 2. What would keep you from becoming a priest?
- 3. What does it take to become a priest?
- 4. Is being a priest permanent?
- 5. Why can't priests get married?
- 6. Have you ever been asked to consider the priesthood?
- 7. Does your parish actively promote Holy Orders?
- 8. Why do you think we have a shortage of priests?
- 9. What do you think would fix that?
- 10. How can you promote Holy Orders?
- 11. For the women: How can you support a friend who's discerning the priesthood?
- 12. For the men: How can you support a friend who's discerning the priesthood?

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- 13. What do you think would be the pros of becoming a priest?
- 14. What do you think would be the struggles of becoming a priest?
- 15. Is this the only vocation that has its pros and cons?
- 16. If there are things about the priesthood that you don't like, does that mean you aren't called to be a priest?
- 17. Is being a diocesan priest your only option for the priesthood?
- 18. How can you find out about other priestly options?
- 19. Will seems to think that he has to have his life's vocation figured out by the time he graduates from high school. Do you think this is true? Why or why not?



