VOCATION

**Definition of Vocation** - The word "vocation" comes from the Latin vocare, meaning "to call“

**Definition of Christian Vocation** - The belief that God has created each person with gifts and talents oriented toward specific purposes and a way of life.

**The stone chippers**

Three men are chipping rock in a quarry.

The first man is asked what he is doing and replies that he is chipping rock.

The second man is asked the same question and replies that he is providing for his family.

The final man, doing identical work, says that he is building a cathedral.

If you’re just chipping rock, you make yourself a common labourer and, while providing for your family gives you a personal purpose, finding the cathedral in your work can generate inspiration and motivation.

What might be the cathedral in your work?

Can you name what is beautiful, inspirational, creative, pleasing and wonderful about the role?

**Discerning vocation**  
Know your wounds and disabilities

Know yourself loved by God

Listen to your feelings

Be still and know

Count the cost

Seek wholeness

Know God

Hear a call

Dream dreams

Get into action

Face your fears

Know the world’s needs

Get confirmation from others

Know your gifts and your leanings

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Why is it important to know your wounds? Count the Cost?

Where are you in Dewar’s process?

Who are the people you can seek confirmation from?