

# Called by Baptism

Unit 5  
Chapter  
17

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## Background: Vocation

The Church teaches us that social justice and peace are the work of all Catholics. The local, regional, and global Church community has a duty to help the poor and distressed.

Each of us has a call, or *vocation*, to serve others by developing our special talents. God calls some people in the Church to serve others as members of a religious community. Some men serve the Church through ordained ministry as deacons, priests, and bishops. Some men and women serve the Church in the consecrated life as religious brothers and sisters. Single and married lay people also share in the Church's work of justice and service. When we show mercy to the poor, we share in the priesthood of Christ.

## Getting Ready

1. Before introducing Chapter 17 to your child, read the Take Home pages 193 and 194 of your child's book. To help develop this chapter's theme, gather the family at a convenient time during the week to participate in the Activity on page 193.
2. With your child, read about Saint Louis IX, the Saint of the Week. Learn more about him at [SaintsResource.com](http://SaintsResource.com).
3. Invite family members to name all the sources of light they can think of. Then read aloud Scripture Background at the top of page 194. You will read the Scripture passage later in this lesson.
4. Search the Internet for several examples of religious art by Pietro Perugino. Talk about which paintings are your favorites and why. Then read aloud Our Catholic Tradition.



## Focus

Social justice and peace are expressions of charity and the work of all Christians—religious, ordained, and lay.

## Pope Francis Says

Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called—whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration—in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now.

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## Prayer

Lord, show me how to be  
of service  
in your Church and in  
the world.  
Help me see what you want  
me to do.  
Give me vision, courage,  
and friends  
who encourage me to do  
your work.  
Amen.

Vocations Prayer  
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## Exploring the Chapter

### Share

1. Light the candle. Set a timer for three minutes and see how many examples you can name of letting your light shine before others. Pray together the Scripture verse at the top of page 195.
2. Read aloud the Share section. Recall how your family helps do the work of the Church by serving those in need.
3. Read the directions to the Activity and give your child time to complete it. Discuss his or her headlines.

### Hear and Believe

4. Look at the illustration on page 196. Discuss your favorite details. Talk about what you think the family is doing.
5. Read aloud *The Light of the World*. Discuss why *Light of the World* is a good title for Jesus. Invite your child to recall what happens when we let our light shine before others. (*They see our good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father.*)
6. Read together *Serving Others* at the top of page 197. Invite your child to underline the four special vocations named in the paragraph. (*Ordained priests, deacons, and bishops; religious brothers and sisters; married persons; persons consecrated to God*) Take time to read together page 274. Review the meaning of the Faith Word **vocations**.
7. Read *Priest, Prophet, and King* and the *We Believe* statement. Invite your child to circle the words *priest, prophet, and king*, and to underline how we fulfill each of these roles.
8. Read *Our Church Teaches*. Review the meaning of the Faith Word **Communion of Saints**.

### Respond

9. Explain that the illustration on page 198 shows Saint Louis IX. Read the story of Saint Louis IX. Discuss the many reasons he is a light for us to follow.
10. Read *Following Others*. Discuss how we can learn what our vocation may be. (*We can talk to adults; we can work with adults who are doing God's work and learn from them.*)
11. Do Activity 1 on page 199 with your child. Review the directions for Activity 2 and Activity 3 and give your child time to complete them. Discuss his or her responses.
12. Sing the Unit Song on page 192. Take the part of Leader and ask your child to join you in praying *A Prayer Before a Crucifix* on page 200.
13. Have your child complete the Chapter Review. See page 48 of this guide for the answer key.
14. Work with your child to complete *Faith in Action* on page 202. It highlights the Catholic Social Teaching of **Solidarity**.

*We really liked . . .*

*We want to learn more about . . .*