**Brief Vocational Exam**

Do I feel called to give myself more to God and to serve others? Does the possibility of being all for God give me joy?

Does the idea of being a religious appear regularly in my heart and mind, especially during times of prayer?

Does it give me more satisfaction to serve in works of the Lord – small as they may be – than to have professional success?

Do I feel great desires of being with the Lord in prayer and growing in profound communion with Him?

Do I have a great ardor for all to know God’s love and live His Word?

Do I accept and persevere through the sacrifices that are involved in following the Will of God, not allowing them to stop me?

Am I ready to leave all – family, work, relationships, etc. – for love of God and His plan for my life?

Does life in community – sharing my life, spirituality, and apostolate with other sisters – attract me?

Do I feel the desire to know better the Catholic faith and to live it in plenitude?

Do I feel that there is something “more” that the Lord wants from me?

Do I have the interior perception that soon I will have to make an important decision for my life?

Do I desire to ask priests or religious about their vocations, how they received and discerned them?

Do I feel a desire to know the Will of God for my life and respond to it?

If you have answered “yes” to several of these questions, it could be indicative of a possible religious vocation. Do not ignore this indication, but instead try to deepen your search for the will of the Lord with appropriate spiritual direction or guidance, vocational counseling, etc.

You may also wish to see the booklet of 33 questions regarding vocations to the Religious Life “Joyfully and Serenely”