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# INVISIBLE MONASTERY

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## **Called to Safeguard Hope**

Dear Friends,

Once again, we gather in prayer, united in spirit even though physically apart. During this Cavanis Vocational Year, we are invited to live a time of attentive listening, trust, and openness to God's call.

We live in a world filled with noise, uncertainty, and fatigue. Yet God never ceases to call.

He calls young people who often feel inadequate.

He calls wounded families.

He calls discouraged educators.

He calls communities that believe they have little left to offer.

A vocation is not born in perfect circumstances. It begins when someone finds the courage to say: "Here I am, Lord, just as I am."

Today we pray that no call may be lost amid the noise of the world; that there may be men and women willing to listen; and that each of us may rediscover that vocation is not reserved for a few, but it is God's invitation to every person who allows themselves to be loved by Him.





### **From the Gospel According to Luke (5:1–11)**

Jesus said to Simon: “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

Simon answered: “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

Then Jesus said to Simon: “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fisher of men.”



Since the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, countless experts in spirituality, psychology, sociology, and other disciplines have sought to understand the challenges and crisis of priesthood, religious life, parishes, schools, and many other works of the Church.

Some predicted, in dramatic terms, the decline of consecrated life. Yet God has continued to raise up authentic prophets who, like the prophets of Scripture, encourage us to plant vineyards and build for the future with a hope that does not disappoint.

Pope Francis has repeatedly reminded us that we are living not simply in

an era of change, but in a change of era. His invitation has been clear: let us begin again from the joy of the Gospel.

Perhaps this is the moment to rediscover ourselves as the Lord's "little flock." Rather than relying on structures or prestige, we are called to bear witness through lives that allow Christ to grow in spirit and truth. Vocational ministry is ultimately rooted in the Gospel itself—in the joy of self-giving and in a life offered generously for others.

One of today's challenges is that many consecrated men and women are less present in direct personal relationships with young people. Administrative responsibilities often leave less time for listening, accompaniment, and personal encounter. Yet it is precisely in these encounters that vocations are often born.

Young people today can dedicate themselves to many forms of service without entering religious life. For those called to consecrated life, however, service to others flows first from service to God. Jesus Himself found the source of His mission in His relationship with the Father.

Perhaps we must also humbly acknowledge that our educational environments do not always succeed in forming young people as mature men and women rooted in Christian values. Too often, indifference to faith grows before our eyes. In such a context, our presence risks becoming irrelevant.

And yet perhaps the answer is not to seek greater visibility, but deeper presence: to be among young people, accompanying them patiently, creating spaces where they can encounter Jesus and His Gospel.

Fr. Diego Spadotto, C.S.Ch.

One sentence from today's Gospel speaks powerfully to our hearts:

## **“We have worked all night long but have caught nothing”**

It is the experience of many educators.

Of many parents.

Of many communities.

Perhaps of ourselves as well.

At times it seems as though fewer people are listening to God's call. Vocations decline. Parishes struggle. Young people appear distant. Slowly, resignation can begin to take root.

Yet Jesus enters precisely that empty boat.

He does not reproach Peter.

He does not criticize him.

He simply invites him to trust once more.

“Put out into the deep water.”

Every vocation begins this way—not with certainty, but with trust. Not with perfection, but with the courage to try again.

Perhaps the problem today is not that God has stopped calling. Perhaps it is that we have stopped expecting great things from Him.

The Gospel continues to challenge us radically: to leave behind our fears, our securities, even the limited image we have of ourselves.

Every authentic vocation begins when someone discovers that they are loved before they are capable.

As we journey through this Cavanis Vocational Year, let us reflect:

- What call might I be ignoring in my life?
- Where is the Lord inviting me to “put out into the deep water”?
- For whom am I being called to become a sign of hope?

The Invisible Monastery fulfills a precious mission:

it safeguards in silence what the world cannot see.

Like watchmen in the night, we continue to believe that God is still preparing workers for His harvest.

And even when the nets appear empty, the Gospel asks us never to stop casting them.



### **Let Us Pray**

Lord Jesus,

You continue to walk along the shores of our lives, and You continue to call.  
You call the lost youth that are searching for direction. You call those who fear the  
future. You call those who feel fragile and inadequate.

Grant Your Church the courage not to surrender to discouragement, the vision to  
look beyond the present moment, and the joy of continuing to believe in great  
dreams.

Bless families, educators, priests, consecrated men and women, and all who  
accompany young people on their journey.

And when we too are tempted to say,

“We have worked all night long,”

remind us that Your Word still has the power to fill the empty nets of our lives.

Mary, woman of the “Here I am”

teach us to trust.

Amen.