

# Apostolate of the Green Scapular

Bringing Conversion To The World, One Soul At A Time

## *You Can Discern Your Mission On Earth*

When you were conceived, the Holy Spirit breathed a **SPiRiT** and **SOUL** into your mother's womb to give you life and a mission upon this earth (Wisdom 15:11: Forasmuch as he knew not his maker and him that inspired into him the soul that worketh, and that breathed into him a living spirit.) We have two spiritual elements living within each of us, a Spirit and Soul. Neither can exist separately or without the grace of our Lord, who is the giver of life (Wisdom 16:14: **"A man indeed killeth through malice, and when the spirit is gone forth, it shall not return, neither shall he call back the soul that is received"**).

Jesus teaches, we all have an important roll in fulfilling our mission on this earth, different from one another. **"For as in one body we have many members, but all the members have not the same office: So we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. And having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us, either prophecy, to be used according to the rule of faith; Or ministry, in ministering; or he that teacheth, to be used according to the rule of faith; Or ministry, in ministering; or he that teacheth, in doctrine; He that exhorteth, in exhorting; he that giveth, with simplicity; he that ruleth, with carefulness; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness."** (Romans 12:4-9)

Even the grace that the Lord pours upon a soul is different from what he gives to others: **"Now there are diversities of graces, but the same Spirit; and there are diversities of ministries, but the same Lord; and there are diversities of operations, but the same God, who worketh all in all. And the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man unto profit. To one indeed, by the Spirit, is given the word of wisdom: and to another, the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: To another, faith in the same spirit; to another, the grace of healing in one Spirit: To another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the discerning of spirits; to another, interpretation of speeches. But all these things one and the same Spirit worketh, dividing to every one according as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members; and all the members of the body, whereas there are many, yet are one body, so also is Christ. For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether bond or free; and in one Spirit we have all been made to drink. For the body also is not one member, but many."** (1 Corinth 12:4:14)

We have an obligation to discern all things, open minded and with an open heart. But discerning what our Lord Jesus is calling you to do is much more difficult. Most of us know many different people, doing different things in our Catholic Community but if you ask yourself, "Do I want to join that ministry?", probably you would answer "Absolutely not". The reason is clear, it is not your calling, your mission. So what is your mission? How can you be an active participant in fulfilling Spirit

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tual and Corporal Works of Mercy found in the words of our Lord, **“For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in: Naked, and you covered me: sick, and you visited me: I was in prison and you came to me.”** (St. Matthew 25:35-36)

Discern, we must learn how to discern by asking the Holy Spirit, “How does the Lord see me?” Or, “What is my mission for Jesus Christ on this earth?” Some of us may have a mission of serving Jesus in our homes as a mother or father. Some of us may be called to serve in the Church, being a Liturgical Minister, Usher or even a Knight of Columbus member; a holy Sister teaching in a Catholic School or the highest office possible; becoming a Catholic Priest.

Others may be called to work in government, maybe local, state or national. Others yet may be called to serve the world through organizations that feed the poor globally or who create movies that touch the lives of others in a profound way, such as the Passion of the Christ. If you don’t ask, seek or knock on what the Lord is calling you to do, you may never discover it. So we wish to offer you the following to help you DISCERN what the Lord is calling you to do.

One of our Apostles offered this impressive story that we wish to share. “A lady once asked me if I had ever asked the Lord how He sees me, what is my mission on earth. Since I had not, she proceeded, I decided to do so and I made a prayer of it, asking the Lord every day the same question, “Lord, how do you see me, what is my mission for you on this earth?” After spending around thirty-days praying the same thing, I heard a great Voice speak. This Voice told me that I was called to be a “PRAYER WARRIOR”. To pray for others daily was my personal mission from the Lord, so I have begun spending more and more time in Eucharistic Adoration, praying for others.”

Moved by this testimonial, another Apostle began on the same quest asking the Lord, “Lord, how do you see me, what is my mission on earth?” For thirty days she asked in earnest prayer, hoping to hear from the Lord. Then it happened, a beautiful, strong, masculine and just Voice spoke saying, “YOU ARE A WARRIOR”. Stunned, this Apostle began trying to understand what being a “Warrior” meant in the eyes of the Lord. The understanding was depicted in an image of St. Michael, the Archangel. A “Warrior” is one who fights against evil spirits.

The question for you is, how does our Lord SEE YOU? What is YOUR mission for Jesus Christ and humanity? How can you serve others. May the Lord bless you in your discernment of His will for your life.