

Let's Communicate . . . on Vocations

Becket Hall—  
How can one be sure he has a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Also does such a vocation actually come from God? I am seventeen and have often wondered if I had a vocation to the priesthood.

ly is basically, we might say that a vocation in general is a summons or calling to a particular state in life, any state in life. Moreover, this calling to whatever state in life it may be, comes from God. This is obvious in the few cases in history where God directly called as with the Apostles and Saint Paul. But most often this calling from God assumes a more indirect form, namely that of an inclination within the individual himself. These inclinations differ from person to person due to the fact that each person's individual make-up is different. God has created each one of us unique. Hence God is actually the one who is calling us to a particular vocation, because the way He has constituted us is compatible with only certain potential states in life.

For example, no man could be equally happy in all possible occupations. And, the ones he could be content in would likely be different from those another man would be content in. This now poses the crucial question of how one can be sure which vocation is the one in which he can find the greatest satisfaction. This problem is especially difficult for the person who feels inclined to so many possible vocations that he ends up having really no idea at all what he wants to do.

in a life as a physician, this will mean medical school. For the student considering the priesthood, this will mean the seminary. The mature young man in either a medical school or the seminary will use this opportunity to continually increase his knowledge of the state in life which he is considering.

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At Our House®

Hemlines and Knees

By Mary Tinley Doby

"As good be out of the world as out of the fashion."

Current quote? And from a 1967 couturier? Guess again! It's from a play, "Love's Last Shift" by Colley Cibber who lived 1671 to 1757. The same thought no doubt existed long before that, dating back possibly to the time Mother Eve investigated the variations of her mini-leaf.

This time of year particularly, following the showings of the Paris collections, pages of newspaper, whole issues of magazines, programs on television, fashion shows in stores and at charity luncheons all attest to woman's interest in what will be worn the coming season. The ladies of the field and their concern for "what they will put on" concern her not.

Most women's we've observed, are keenly aware of "what they're wearing," modifying the exaggerated first trial balloons to suit their taste, needs, age and pocketbook.

Many of us remember 1946 when the "New Look" was sprung on us by Christian Dior, a revolution in style with its full skirt and pinched-in look, leaving us with a closetful of short skirts passe within months. That lesson has resulted at our house in hems that may be too bulky for high fashion but certainly thrifty enough to furnish let-outs if Dame Fashion again pulls such a fast one.

Dior's subsequent changes were less drastic: his H-line in 1954, his A- and Y-lines in 1955. Then came Cristobal Balenciaga, the Spanish designer, creating the chimes or sack dress in 1957, a fashion that has caught on almost universally because of its comfort, even among die-hard belt devotees. (Belts will have their beloved enclosure back this fall.)

Then along came Mary Quant that is, young British designer who introduced the "Mod" look and miniskirts.

Mini, Mini, Mini That did it! The minis have been getting smaller as the most casual observer can notice. The clergy have spoken against the fad, and rightly so; office managers have had to set up length rules. Now the influential Mlle. Coco Chanel, dean of Paris couturiers, voices loud opposition to miniskirts and op clothes, setting her fall hemlines one inch below the knee.

"They're indecent," Mlle. Chanel says of miniclothes. "Women don't gain anything by them. Women need to use exposure only when they're short on charm. Let the silly young things wear their skirts bathing-suit length if they want. They're bored, and they want to amuse themselves. But don't bring them (miniclothes) into the haute couture, which is responsible for supplying elegance for the world."

We agree wholeheartedly with Mlle. Chanel who comments that "women who dress the young look pitiful." Goodness knows there's nothing more pitiful than a pair of old knees, particularly from the back. Knees are great, just great. How else would we get up and down stairs, scrub, garas and the late Percy Hammond wrote in a dramatic review, "The feminine knee is a joint, not an entertainment."

"Knees"

This brings us to a verse, another unknown, parody of Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees" and entitled "Knees":

"I think that I shall never see A thing as ugly as a knee Above whose gnarled and knotted crest  
The mini hemline comes to rest Or one that's even worse than that  
When padded with repulsive fat  
A knee that may in summer wear  
Nothing at all but be quite bare,  
Behind whose flex there oft' remains  
A net of blue and broken veins  
Some knees continue to perplex  
How can they form the letter X

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Asked if they didn't consider such an alliance unusual, Ron answered "Yes, but the most important thing in government is to elect honest, competent men. If that sometimes means crossing party lines, then I think we have an obligation to do so."



Dinner Speaker

Father Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J., will be guest speaker at the 11th annual Founders' Dinner set for McQuaid High School on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Father Dolan is from St. Peter's College in New Jersey. Len Hawley's orchestra will play for the occasion.

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