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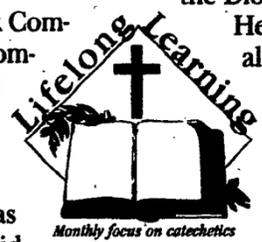
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Waters of baptism consecrate all

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John DeSocio felt set for life. As a researcher at Eastman Kodak Company, he could look forward to a comfortable income and professional success. But he also felt something was lacking in his life. "There was just a sense there was much more," the former chemist said. Although working at Kodak did supply moments of satisfaction and even a sense of God's presence, he recalled, "It didn't fulfill



me." So in 1978, he became Father John DeSocio. And in 1993, he became vocations director for the Diocese of Rochester. He left secular life for a path traditionally associated in the church with the term "vocation" — a word that means, literally, "a calling." But Father DeSocio himself is hesitant to use those terms. "I hate to use the words 'call' or 'vocation,' because they mean so many things to different people," Father DeSocio observed.

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