

## “How do you discern God’s Will”

- Sources of a call
  - God
  - Yourself
  - Evil Spirit
  - World
  
- First things first
  - You must pray to know God’s will
  - You must sincerely be committed to do God’s will when you discover it
  - You must have detachment from negative surrounding influences
  
- There are five steps:
  - 1. Does it seem to fit into God’s will?
    - Is it contrary to the Church’s teachings or God’s commandments?
    - Will it interfere with prior commitments such as work and family obligations?
  
  - 2. Does it lead you to a sense of conversion?
    - Will this lead you closer to God?
    - Does it involve unnecessary sin?
    - Does it make you want to be more holy?
  
  - 3. Is it consistent with the way God has spoke to me in the past?
    - How does it compare to prior calls in your life?
    - Who has God used in the past to help you do His will?
    - Has this call been persistent and in what context do you hear it?
  
  - 4. Who or what confirms this call?
    - Is it confirmed by people who know and love you and are able to give you good spiritual direction?
    - Are there other signs that confirm or deny this, such as patterns in life?
  
  - 5. Does your heart yearn for this and want to say ‘yes’?
    - Does your mind and heart tell you that this is right?
    - Do you have a burning love to answer this call?
  
- What are other indicators that a call is from God?
  - It awakens your conscience
  - It prompts a remorse for sin committed in your life
  - A clarity that your life was not heading in the right direction.
  - The grace of the call will strengthen and encourage you
  - Your heart will have peace and comfort with the decision
  - The thought of answering the call brings joy and delight
  - It will lead you to an opportunity to grow in your Christian life?