

“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?