



# THE CALL

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- “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
- there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
- there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
- To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

—1 Cor 12:4-7



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### Have You Heard the Call?

Each of us is called to serve the Lord. Some as priests, deacons and others in the ordained religious community; but by far the largest group called to serve is the Catholic laity.

Synod 2004, Diocese of Sacramento, resulted in reinstatement of the Lay Formation Institute which offers opportunities for adults to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith

The same body charged parishes to promote the Institute's programs, to educate the adult laity within their communities in the Catholic faith, and to encourage appropriate certification. This is all part of our continuing education as adult Catholics.

### Are You Ready to Answer?

If your last experience at catechism was as a child, you may need a refresher. Several “refresher” classes are held here at St. Paul Parish including the RCIA and Returning Catholics programs. You can call the rectory for more information and to register.

If you are looking for a well-rounded, current, and practical foundation of faith to use within the church and in your home and workplace, the Lay Formation Institute may very well offer what you need.

### Lay Formation Institute

The Lay Formation Institute of the Diocese of Sacramento, located at 2110 Broadway, offers a range of courses each year for adult Catholics to become more knowledgeable about their faith, to grow spiritually, and to receive training to prepare parishioners to answer God's call as members of the lay ministry or lay apostolate.

### We Can Help

The Pastoral Council of St. Paul can help you in your continuing Catholic education through the Lay Formation Institute.

Let us help you prepare to be the best Catholic you can be and to be ever ready to answer the call. Attached is a copy of the 2007 Lay Formation Institute course schedule.

You may register for classes through the Institute or contact them directly at 916-733-0153.

If you want more information about the classes or the Institute, call Judy Niedzwiedz at 916-422-1587 or 916-834-1299 (cell) or via email at [judithbear@comcast.net](mailto:judithbear@comcast.net) or [webmaster@stpaul-florin.org](mailto:webmaster@stpaul-florin.org)

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