

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"To provide a high-quality Christian education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment."

## Vocation & Commitment



Our Big Question

What is commitment in life?

### Key Knowledge

- Through Baptism and Confirmation, all Christians are called to share in the mission of Jesus – to make known that God's love is for everyone.
- We are free to decide how/if we follow God's call.
- There are different missions or **vocations**, including becoming a priest or the calling to **religious life**.
- There are many types of religious orders.
- A person entering religious life makes **vows**. The three most common **vows** are: Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.
- Priests make promises of **celibacy** and obedience.
- Saint John Mary Vianney is the patron saint of priests.
- At the Sacrament of Holy Orders or Ordination:**
- The ordinand lies **prostrate** during the Litany of Saints.
- The Bishop lays his hands on the head of the ordinand and prays the prayer of consecration (asking God to bless the ordinand and make him a faithful witness).
- The new priest receives his stole and chasuble.
- The new priest's hands are **anointed** with the Oil of Chrism to make them holy – marked out for God's **service**.
- The new priest receives a paten and host.
- He receives the Sign of Peace and is now a priest.
- Saint Francis of Assisi started a religious order. The Franciscans promise to be poor like Jesus and share everything.



### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

<b>anointing</b>	Make holy by applying oil.
<b>celibacy</b>	Choosing to love by serving God and all God's people, rather than one person in marriage.
<b>commitment</b>	A promise, pledge, obligate or devote oneself to something.
<b>dedicated</b>	To be devoted or committed to something.
<b>Ordination</b>	The Sacrament or meeting point with God, where God equips men, like the apostles, with authority and sends them out to serve Him.
<b>prostrate</b>	To lie flat on the ground, face-down.
<b>religious life</b>	Called to live in a religious community as brothers, sisters or priests.
<b>service</b>	To do things for other people and/or for God.
<b>vocation</b>	To feel called or drawn to live a particular way of life.
<b>vows</b>	Solemn promises.

### Scripture

- Mark 1: 9-11** (Jesus' Baptism)
- John 1: 35-41** (Andrew and Simon called)
- 2 Timothy 1: 9** (Called according to God's purpose)
- Mark 16: 15** (Go out to the world)
- Genesis 12: 1-4** (God's call to Abraham)
- Mark 10: 16** (Laying of hands)
- Acts 8: 17** (Receiving the Spirit)
- John 13: 1-17** (Washing feet – service)
- Matthew 6: 19-21** (Treasures in Heaven)
- Luke 5: 26-27, Mark 2: 14, Mark 1: 16-20, Matthew 9: 9, Matthew 4: 19-22** (Follow me)
- Colossians 3: 12-17** (Chosen of God)



### Key Skills



- I can **show understanding** of religious sources, explaining how sources affect what Christians believe about vocation and how they live. AT1 (i)
- I can use secure religious vocabulary to **give reasons** for the actions and symbols used in the Sacrament of Ordination and begin to **show understanding**. AT1 (ii)
- I can **show understanding** of how religious belief in vocation shapes the lives of Christians. AT1 (iii)
- I can **show how** my own decisions about commitment to service and care of others are influenced by beliefs. AT2 (i)
- I can begin to **engage in discussions** about vocation and commitment, in light of religious teaching. AT2 (ii)
- I can express different points of view and give many reasons for it. AT3



### Other Sources

#### Hymns

Follow Me  
My Hands are Yours  
Here I am Lord  
Go out in the World  
Lay your hands

#### Prayers

Prayer of John Henry Newman  
Litany of Saints  
Prayer for Vocations  
School Prayer of St Francis

#### Significant Figures

Blessed John Henry Newman – Called for a definite service  
Pope Benedict XVI – The priest is God's messenger  
Saint John Vianney – To pray and to love God...  
Teresa of Avila – Christ has no body on earth but ours  
Catherine of Siena – Be who God meant you to be

### Prior Knowledge and Skills

- I have given reasons for the symbols and actions of **Baptism**, **Confirmation** and the **Sacrament of Marriage**.
- God **calls** people in different ways.
- Through the **Sacraments**, the **Holy Spirit** helps us to grow closer to God in love and guide us in our lives.
- A Christian is **anointed** with the oil of **Chrism** at Baptism and Confirmation as a sign of being called and marked for God's service.
- Through Baptism, Christians are called to a particular mission/**vocation**. All are called to holiness.
- The laying on of hands is used at confirmation.
- Blessed John Henry Newman** wrote "God has created me to do Him some definite **service**..."

We are in  
**Ordinary Time**

The colour for Ordinary Time is green. It is a time when we continue to grow in God's love. Through the Gospels, we are journeying with Jesus on his mission.

