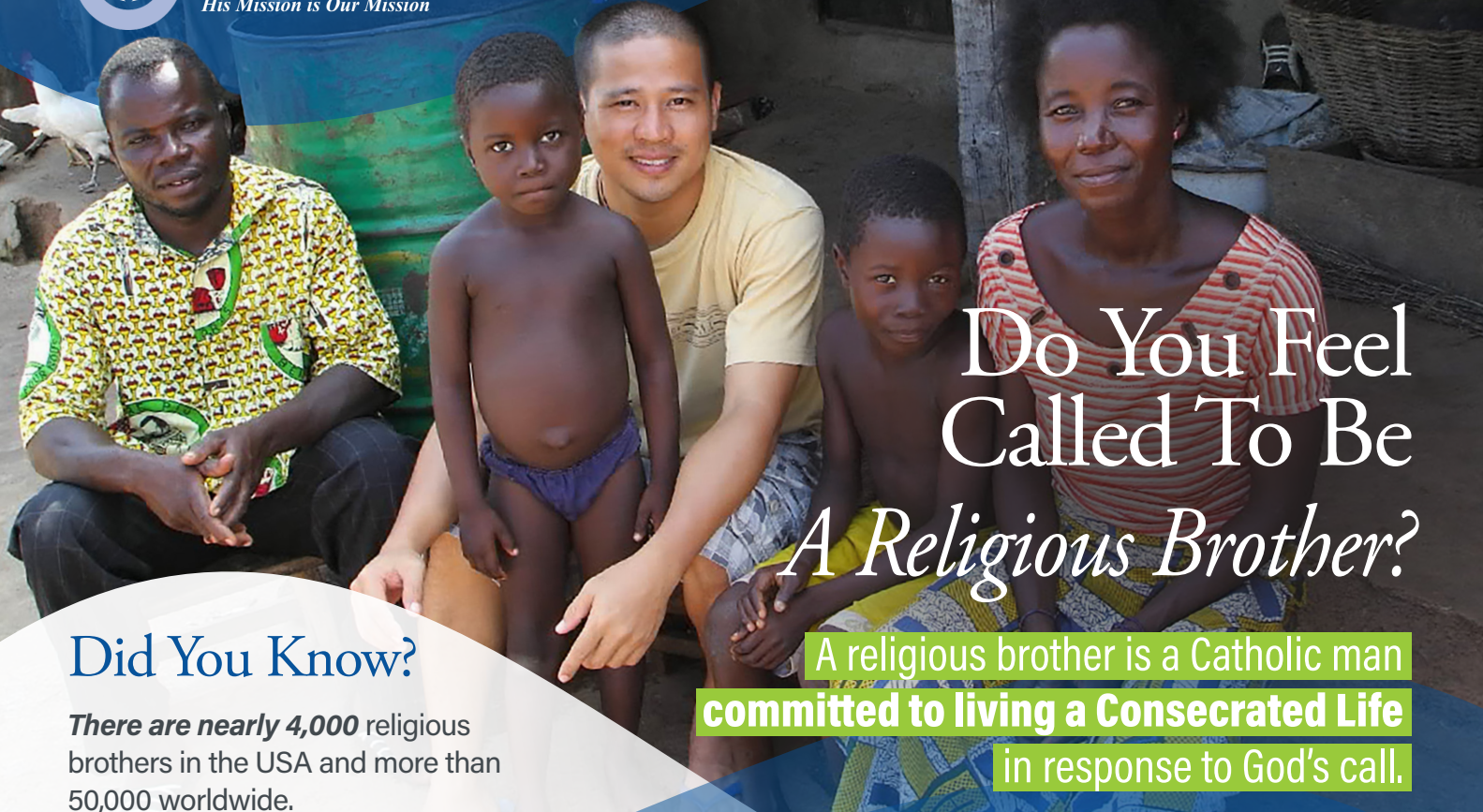




Divine Word Missionaries
His Mission is Our Mission



Do You Feel Called To Be A Religious Brother?

Did You Know?

There are nearly **4,000** religious brothers in the USA and more than 50,000 worldwide.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

A religious brother is a Catholic man committed to living a **Consecrated Life** in response to God's call.

“For the love of Christ impels us...”

Who are religious brothers?

2 Cor 5:14

Brothers **model the person of Jesus** through the relational manner in which they serve. They are **engaged in a variety of ministries** in keeping with the charism of their congregation.

What do brothers do?

Among many other things, religious brothers:

- Lead Bible study groups
- Minister to the homeless as social workers
- Teach in schools and serve as administrators
- Provide medical care
- Live a monastic life in prayer
- Use their artistic skills in graphic design
- Perform pastoral duties in parishes
- Build wells in developing nations
- Bring the Word of God to prisoners

CONTACT

His mission is our mission...is it yours?

Let's find out together!

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Steps to Brotherhood

Each congregation offers a unique path designed to prepare brotherhood candidates. The steps below show the formation process for men seeking life as a **Divine Word Missionary Brother**.

PRE-NOVITIATE FORMATION	Undergraduate education and early spiritual formation.
NOVITIATE	Novices spend a year in prayer, reflection and study of consecrated religious life and the charism of our SVD Community with a special focus on discernment.
FIRST VOWS	Candidates profess temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a member of the Society of the Divine Word.
THEOLOGY STUDIES	Brothers live in a house of formation, usually the Divine Word Theologate, and participate in theology education while living together in community.
CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION	Brothers spend the summer after their first year of theological study participating in a program of Clinical Pastoral Education, which is generally in a hospital setting.
CROSS-CULTURAL TRAINING PROGRAM	After completing two years of theological studies, brothers embark on a missionary assignment to experience what life will be like as an SVD Brother and engage in a ministry that grounds them in their missionary vocation.
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING	After completing CTP, brothers return to Divine Word Theologate in Chicago and begin their specialized studies at a university or technical school.
PERPETUAL VOWS	Profess perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a Divine Word Missionary Brother and begin their first assignment.

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Are you ready to speak to a Vocation Director?

We'd love to hear from you!

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Next Steps

To learn more about Divine Word Missionaries or becoming a religious brother, **follow these steps:**

1 Call or Email Us

Directors are here to walk with you on your religious journey. Call **800-553-3321** or email svdvocations@dwci.edu.

2 Visit svdvocations.org

Learn more about the history, mission and charism of Divine Word Missionaries. **Click here** to read profiles of religious brothers and learn about their vocation stories and the variety of their ministries.

3 Visit dwci.edu

Explore the Divine Word College website to learn more about academics, admission, student life, and more.

4 Complete an Online Assessment

Visit **Vocation Match** to complete an online assessment to help pair your interests with various religious communities.

5 Learn About Other Available Options

If you're a young, Catholic man looking to learn more about priesthood and seminary formation, becoming a Catholic Missionary, or discernment, explore our other guides:

- Priesthood
- Seminary
- Missionary
- Discernment

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