

Vocations and Religious Women

VOCATIONS –RELIGIOUS ORDERS of WOMEN

Teaching a unit on women and religious life can include an exploration of this vocation within the church as well as a study various orders and their unique contributions to the church and world.

Attention can be given to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in a special way to allow students to understand the society and its members. Activities/projects can include...

- Learn about the history of Women Religious Orders
- Research different orders (report on orders) Compare/Contrast the orders.
- What goes into discerning a religious vocation
- What steps are involved in becoming a member of a religious order
- Learn about apostolic and contemplative orders
- Discover the unique characteristics of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus
- Learn about unique "vocation stories" of individual members of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.
- Learn about the process of becoming a member of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.
- Contact individual SHCJ sisters on the American Province website "Connect with the Sisters"

Here are some resources

DVD [Jesus Calls Women produced by Pat Phillips, SHCJ](#) These are real life stories of women who reflect cultural diversity and have chosen to respond to the call to the consecrated life as sister today. It is a contemporary and reflective resource and can be used in a variety of ways and settings. A Study Guide accompanies the DVD. Both DVD and Study Guide are in Spanish as well in the same packet. You Tube sample of the DVD <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Uxv4AddYOE>

Books

Saint Mary's Press Vocations Series

Sisters: An Inside Look by Kathleen Rooney SSJ - student copy -\$8.50

An Inside Look: A Leader's Guide to the Vocations Series - \$18.75

<http://www.smp.org/>

<http://www.smp.org/ItemDetail.cfm?ItemNum=5505>

Online Resources

[Vision Vocation Network](#)

Wide variety of vocation resources including a digital version of the annual

Visions Magazine (this is also available as a print magazine. Free copies can be ordered for your class/school)

[Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America](#)

"Women & Spirit" offers history museums across the country an opportunity to display artifacts and images that have rarely been seen by the general public. With a balanced approach that draws upon first-hand narratives, visitors will discover an untold story in American history. The exhibit is organized by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), an association of leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the United States. LCWR represents about 95 percent of the women religious in the United States."

[Women-Spirit-Teachers-Guide](#) (resources are based on exhibit, but can be used independently) A DVD of the exhibit is available for purchase on the Women and Spirit website.

Society of the Holy Child Jesus

"Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus are an international community of Catholic women religious committed to Christ, living their consecrated life in the spirit of the Society founded by Cornelia Connelly in 1846. We believe that God has chosen to need women and men in every age to reveal God's love as Jesus did. We serve in a variety of educational, pastoral, social, legal and spiritual ministries, through which we continue our mission to help others understand that God lives and acts in them and in our world and to rejoice in God's presence.

Trust and reverence for individual dignity and God's loving mercy for the human family and for all creation mark our lives and our work wherever we are."

<http://www.shcj.org/society.html>

Each of the three Provinces of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus include vocation information

[SHCJ American Province](#)

[Connect with the Sisters – stories](#)

(Individual sisters are featured in short You Tube films and can be contacted through e-mail.)

[SHCJ African Province](#)

[SHCJ European Province](#)

Who We Are:

- Profiles
- Living in Community
- Stories – short films telling the vocation stories of several sisters

