

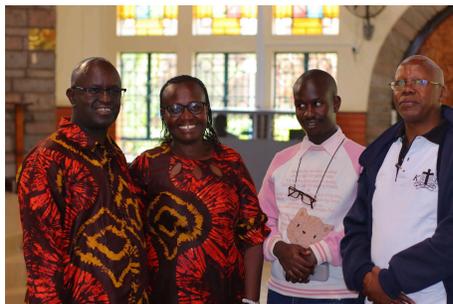
# DISCOVERING YOUR CALLING: MARRIAGE, SINGLE OR RELIGIOUS LIFE?

In the Catholic faith, a special day is dedicated annually to the exploration of a sense of purpose, Vocation Day. Vocation is a peculiarity in the Catholic Church referring to a particular path or way of life. It gives believers a chance to reflect on their life's purpose and the call to serve God and humanity. This day celebrates the diverse calls within the Catholic Church and encourages believers into deep reflection on their diversities.

In the honor of this day, Kenyatta University Catholic Community took pleasure in celebration on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 under the guidance of Fr. Boniface Kariuki. The celebration began at 8: 30 am with: arrival of students and guests, Registration of parishioners and guests, Penance session, Settlement in the main church and Praise and worship led by Assumpta Kipruto from St. Francis of Assis SCC.

Various vocations represented included.

## MARRIAGE VOCATION



The invited couples, The invited couple Peter and Sophia Wachira 'Wachiras', showcased an impressive array of groundbreaking matrimonial bonds that left the students buzzing with excitement.

This was luminated by couples' captivating marriage experience of over 25 years which captured the admiration of many students. They answered all the

disturbing questions that were raised by parishioners, however, their last remarks concluded everything.

"To love is a decision, staying is a decision. Long term relationships might encounter challenges in different ways including children, financial constraints, difference in religion or opinion but marriage is a God given responsibility and also a sacrament, without God marriage can not stand the test of time.



Asking God to guide you in choosing the right partner should not be an option. A family that prays together stays together.”

## RELIGIOUS VOCATION



In-attendance were Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters from diverse congregations including:

Missionary Sisters of Holy Rosary, Benedictine Sisters, Camillian Sisters, Precious Blood Sisters, Providence Sisters, Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, Institute of Charity Rosminians, Consolata Missionaries, Silesians of Don Bosco, Carmelite Missionaries, Order of

St. Benedict, Felician Sisters, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Daughters of St Paul, Augustinians, Sisters of Mercy.

Here Fr. Paul was the facilitator. He invited two Representatives from each Congregation to introduce themselves and give details of the charism of their respective congregations

All the parishioners who attended were guided and given requirements for joining each congregation in case of any later interests.

The message from the guests provided a platform to learn more about commitments and responsibilities associated with this call, moreover, it also comes with rewards of dedicating one's life to God and the Church.



## **SINGLE LIFE AND SERVICE**

Acknowledging that not everyone is called to marriage and religious vocations, there was also an honor for those who would choose to live a single life. The congregation encouraged those who would be called to single life and service so that they could discern how they can serve the church and society in unique ways. This meant that the church is inclusive and every individual has a vital role in God's plan.



In a nutshell the integral to the day was the emphasis on prayer and reflection to allow individuals to deepen their relation with God and seek guidance on discerning their vocations. By celebrating the diversity of vocations and promoting culture of discernment, the event inspired students to embrace their unique callings contributing to the vibrant and dynamic tapestry of the Catholic Church..



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