

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14-15, 2012 - Cycle B

"The Call"

All of us grow up hearing a call. Perhaps it was our parents calling us for supper. Perhaps it was our teachers calling us to order in the classroom. Perhaps it was our athletic instructor calling us to make the right play. Perhaps it was our music director calling us to sing the correct musical passage with the correct musical notes. Perhaps it was our future wife or future husband calling us to a blessed friendship in marriage. Perhaps it was a pastor or bishop calling us to service in the Church. Perhaps it was Uncle Sam calling us to serve the country. Perhaps it was the Internal Revenue Service calling us to pay our taxes. There are calls all around us.

Samuel got a call from God to be a prophet. St. Peter and St. Andrew got a call from Jesus to be apostles.

Once a person answers the call, the person changes; the person fulfills the requirements of the call; the person grows into the answer; the person becomes the answer to the call. Persons called to marriage become best friends to each other and they become mothers and fathers to children. Persons called to the service format of the country become protectors, peace keepers, and helpful leaders in the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government. Persons called to serve the Church become teachers, pastors, missionaries of all sorts, and spiritual leaders of every kind. People become living answers to the call.

So we pray: *Lord Jesus, there are many calls. We know that we are the answer to each call. When You call, and You will, help us to discern what it is You want; what will be pleasing to You; and then, help to do it. Through Jesus we pray, for He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

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