

An Online Spiritual Journey

# Vocational Virtual Retreat

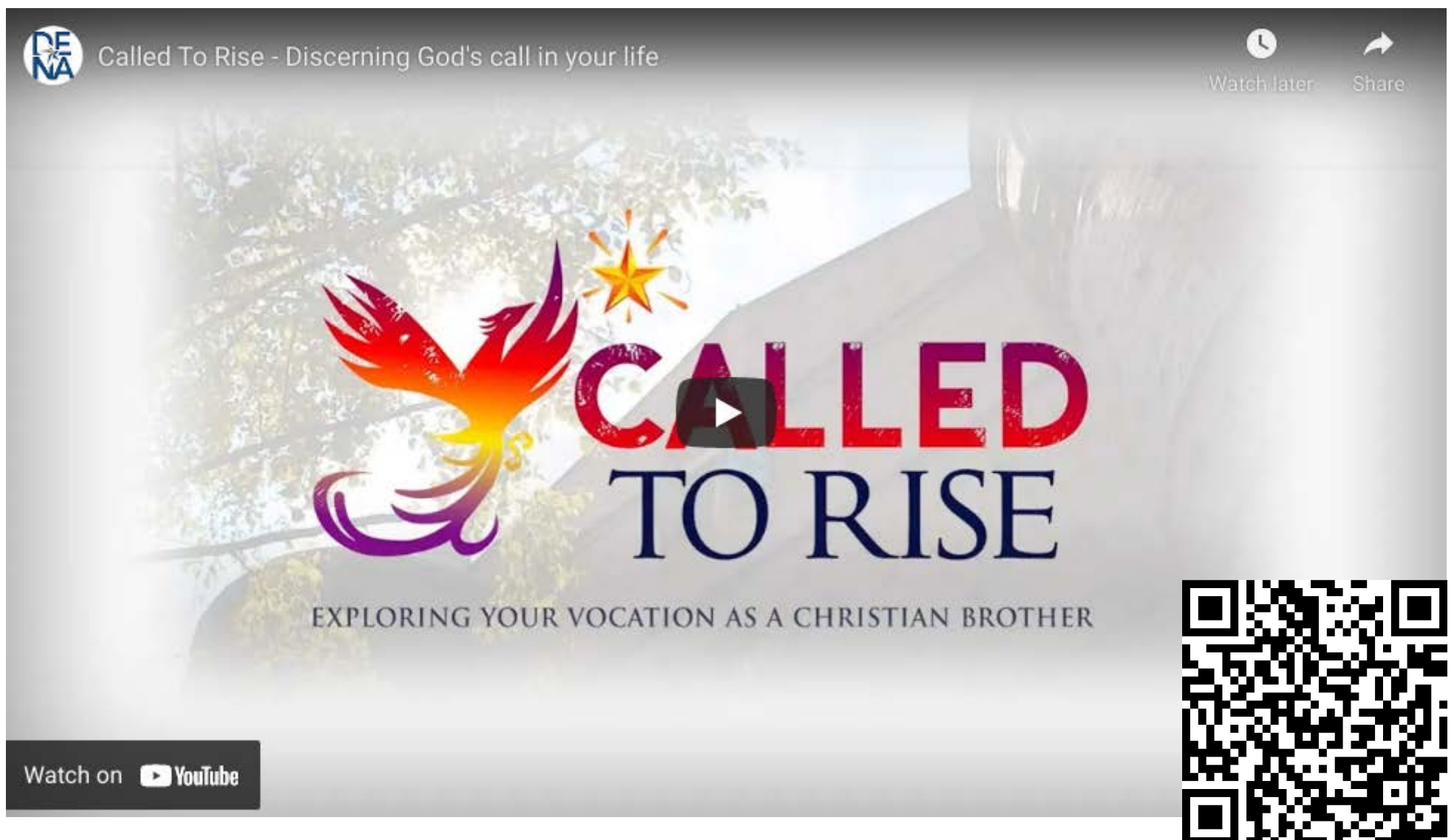
SESSION 5  
• Called to Rise



**Brothers of  
the Christian  
Schools**

# LISTEN

Congratulations! You arrived at our last session. Once you are in a quiet spot, please repeat: "Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God."  
Be aware of what's going on around you.





Lasallian charism is a gift received from the Holy Spirit, through the Founder and the first Brothers. It allows people to discover, value, and respond as co-workers in the service of the Reign of God to the human and Christian educational needs of children, young people and adults of each historical moment, especially those most in need.





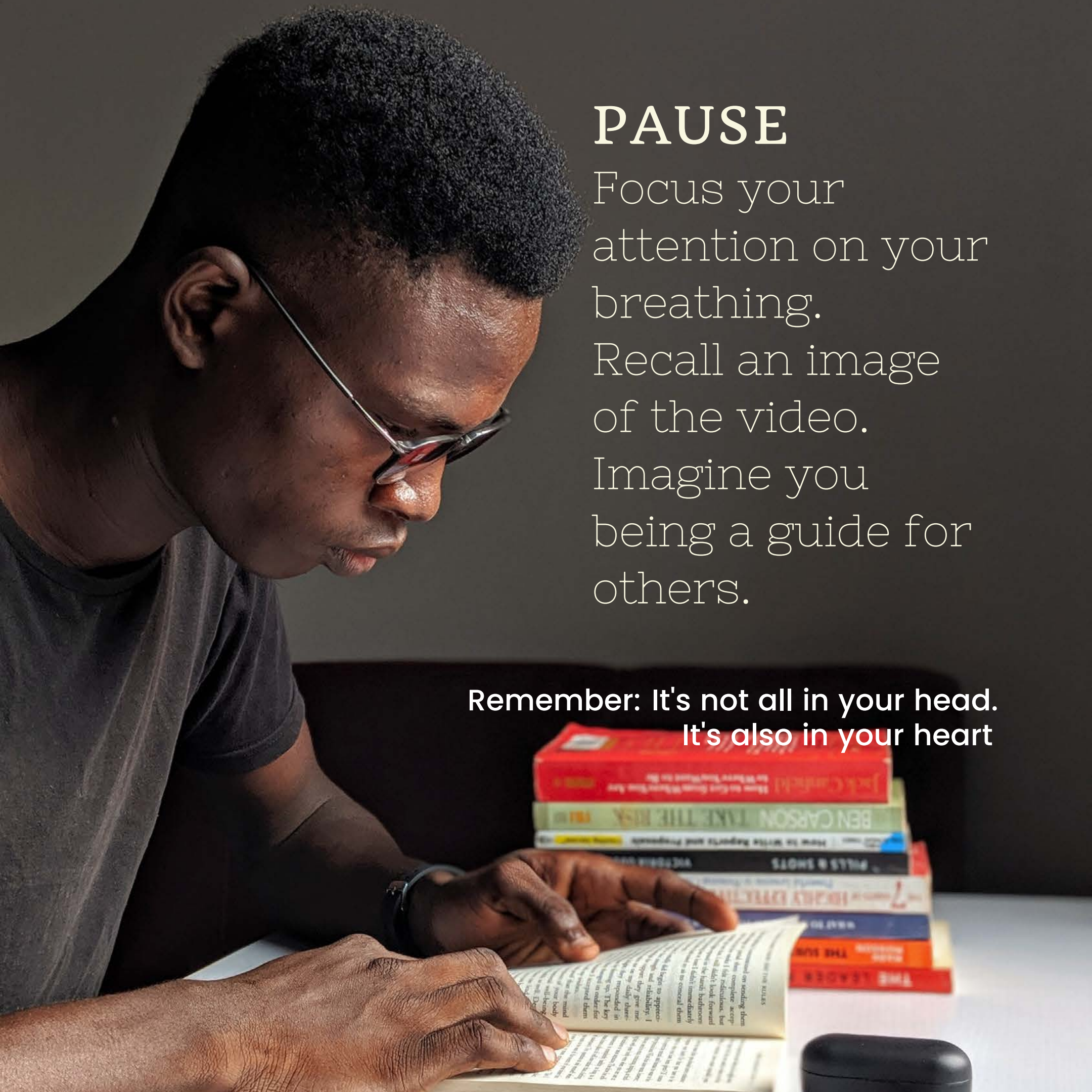
# PAUSE

Focus your attention on your breathing.

Recall an image of the video.

Imagine you being a guide for others.

**Remember: It's not all in your head.  
It's also in your heart**



Vocation is always a personal response to the call of God.



As Brothers, we are passionate about our mission of providing a human and Christian education to the young—especially the poor. Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers and our founder, inspires us to be innovators in the field of education centered on the Gospel.



# "FOLLOW ME"

**Read carefully this short excerpt  
from the Gospel.**

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

**Matthew 4:18-22**

**Please Listen to the Audio Reading.**



# DISCERN

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You are doing this virtual retreat to clear  
your mind and heart.

Why not a Brother?  
Can I be a leader and a  
guide for those in need?  
Life in community?  
Where do I go now?

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

"Our ministry of education is an evangelizing presence and  
the work of Jesus with young people of today."

# PRAY

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Talk with Jesus...  
feel free to call him  
Friend, Lord,  
Christ... You can  
start by saying:  
Jesus, I thank you  
for this moment...

You can also ask  
that by the  
intercession of Saint  
John Baptist De La  
Salle God embrace  
your most profound  
intentions...







“

*God has chosen  
you to make him  
known to others.”””*

ST. JOHN BAPTIST  
DE LA SALLE,  
PATRON SAINT OF  
TEACHERS

**ACT**

Create a commitment for your day.  
(You can write it in your notebook )  
Just be grateful for completing this  
retreat.

**Answer your Call To Rise...**

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE



Young men in discernment.

You can be a Contact.  
(Someone who wants to know more about the Brothers Vocation)



## VOCATION

COULD YOU BE A BROTHER? Take the Quiz! Whatever your God given Talent You're ready to consider the Brothers

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A Word on  
Vocation by our  
Brother Dennis.





Please know that I will keep you in  
prayer as you make this retreat.

Let's have a coffee!  
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EXPLORING YOUR VOCATION AS A CHRISTIAN BROTHER