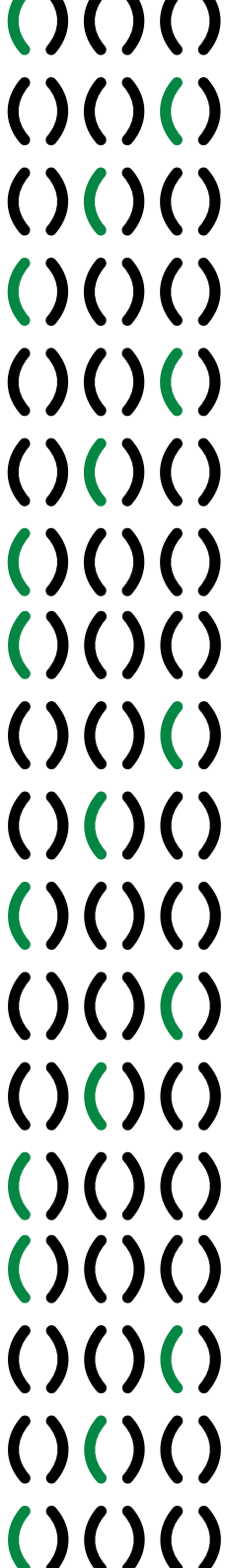


# RISE UP<sup>+</sup>

MEETING #5





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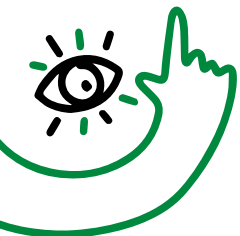
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## RISE UP AND FOLLOW ME

*the objectives of this meeting are:*

- To learn the story of the conversion and following of Levi, (Matthew).
- To discover that Jesus calls us in daily life.
- To deepen your own vocation.

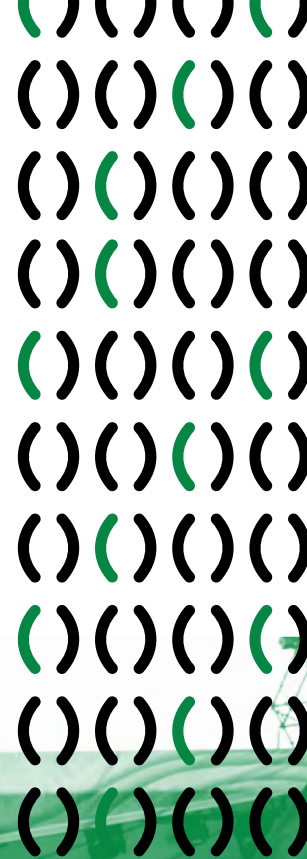
# GET READY



Welcome to another encounter of Rise Up!

Did you know that there is an initiative in World Youth Day called “Days in the Dioceses” immediately preceding the days of WYD? These are occasions for young people from other countries to get to know the cities of the country where the World Youth Day takes place. They are also an expression of the dialogue between the Church and society. They make the presence of Jesus, who passes through everywhere and calls all people, significant and visible.

It is about this call of God in our daily lives that we will speak about in this encounter.





Depois disto, saiu, viu um publicano  
de seu nome LEVI,

sentado no posto de  
cobrança  
de 1 m, e disse-lhe:  
«*s s m e*»

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E ele deixando tudo, Levantando-se, seguiu-o.





# LISTEN

From the Gospel of Saint Luke (5, 27-32)



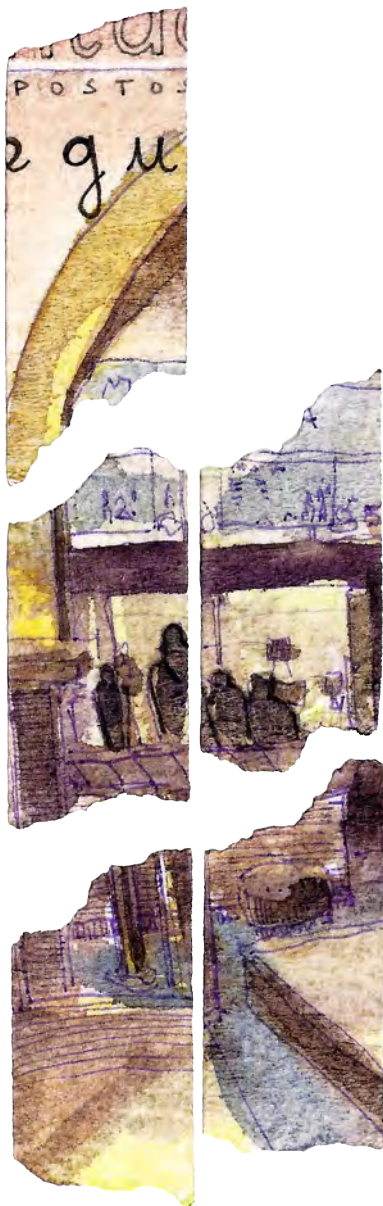
<sup>27</sup> After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup> and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

<sup>29</sup> Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance".

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



# RECEIVE



We now present to you the experience of someone who felt the call to follow Jesus more closely. Listen carefully.

# ASK YOURSELF

What about you? How and where do you see yourself in this scene?



Choose a place and a comfortable, balanced and quiet body position.



Bearing in mind the gospel episode, focus your gaze on the painting, and let Jesus lead you through this scene.

Put yourself in that small, dark space. What feelings, memories, smells, smells come to you? What does it tell you about what inhabits you and what does it say about the world?

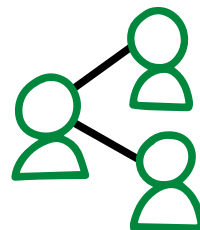
The light that breaks from the right side focuses on all the characters in the painting. Each one reacts in a different way. Put yourself in the shoes of one of those characters. Which one are you? Why?

You feel that the gaze of Jesus and his hand are directed at you. How do you want to respond to His invitation? Yes or no?

Following Jesus implies walking with Him, doing as He does, and going where He says. This is being His disciple. What does Jesus call you to do or change in your life in order to be His disciple?

What other situations does Jesus call to walk in His light? Where do you feel that you need to change? What do you have to leave behind in order to follow Jesus?

## SHARE



Share some of these answers in a conversation with someone more mature in the faith! You will find this proposal at the “Rise up” moment.

## PRAY

My vocation



1<sup>st</sup> text

Continue your prayer, now with the help of the words of Pope Francis. What answer do you want to give to the Lord's vocation for you?

The word “vocation” can be understood in a broad sense as a calling from God, including the call to life, the call to friendship with him, the call to holiness, and so forth. This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us.

**Pope Francis,**  
*Christus Vivit*, 248



## 2<sup>nd</sup> text

The first thing we need to discern and discover is this: Jesus wants to be a friend to every young person. This discernment is the basis of all else. In the risen Lord's dialogue with Simon Peter, his great question was: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (Jn 21:16). In other words, do you love me as a friend? The mission that Peter received to shepherd Jesus' flock will always be linked to this gratuitous love, this love of friendship.

**Pope Francis,**  
*Christus Vivit*, 250

## 3<sup>rd</sup> text

To respond to our vocation, we need to foster and develop all that we are. This has nothing to do with inventing ourselves or creating ourselves out of nothing. It has to do with finding our true selves in the light of God and letting our lives flourish and bear fruit. "In God's plan, every man and woman is meant to seek self-fulfillment, for every human life is called to some task by God".[140] Your vocation inspires you to bring out the best in yourself for the glory of God and the good of others. It is not simply a matter of doing things, but of doing them with meaning and direction. Saint Alberto Hurtado told young people to think very seriously about the direction their lives should take: "If the helmsman of a ship becomes careless, he is fired straightaway for not taking his sacred responsibility seriously. As for our lives, are we fully aware of the course they are taking? What course is your life taking? If it is necessary to give this more thought, I would beg each one of you to give it

**Pope Francis,**  
*Christus Vivit*, 257

the highest consideration, because to get it right is tantamount to success; to err is quite simply to fail".

## 4<sup>th</sup> text

I want you to know that, when the Lord thinks of each of you and what he wants to give you, he sees you as his close friend. And if he plans to grant you a grace, a charism that will help you live to the full and become someone who benefits others, someone who leaves a mark in life, it will surely be a gift that will bring you more joy and excitement than anything else in this world. Not because that gift will be rare or extraordinary, but because it will perfectly fit you. It will be a perfect fit for your entire life.

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## Reflection

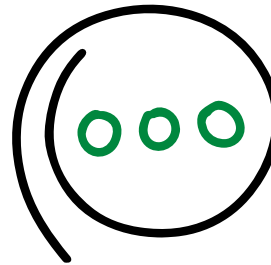
- Does the course of your life show signs that you want to respond to the Lord's call?
- Do you feel that you are getting closer and closer to the vocation that God calls you?

## Song: Tu és o meu Deus

Tu és o meu Deus, eu confio em Ti  
És toda a minha alegria  
Ensina-me o caminho da vida

*Behüte mich Gott, ich vertraue dir  
Du zeigst mir den Weg zum Leben  
Bei dir ist Freude, Freude in Fülle*

## CONTINUE



Go deeper into this Word of God by looking for a book or film that tells a vocational story. Ask your group leader for suggestions.

## RISE UP



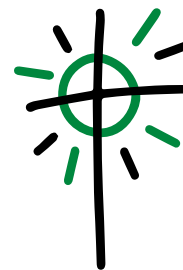
In this meeting we propose that you “rise up” seeking to talk about your vocation with your group leader, parish priest (or another person of reference in your Christian community).

Shares your reflection and prayer about the picture of Matthew's call. Accept this challenge!

**Rise up and share your experience of friendship with Jesus!**

## YES, I BELIEVE!

+ From the Catechism of the Catholic Church



Called to be disciples

**520** In all of his life Jesus presents himself as our model. He is “the perfect man”, who invites us to become his disciples and follow him. In humbling himself, he has given us an example to imitate, through his prayer he draws us to pray, and by his poverty he calls us to accept freely the privation and persecutions that may come our way.

# MY PERSONAL PROJECT

Step 5 - I talk about my own vocation



"RISING UP,  
HE FOLLOWED HIM." (LC 5, 28)

In the fifth step of this pilgrimage, we challenge you to talk to someone about your vocation. God calls you to happiness!

Pray and choose someone to talk to and organize your ideas so that they can be shared. Think about the various vocations.

Which one speaks most clearly of who I am? What attracts me? What do I fear most in each one?

I am the 'now' of God! Who do I belong to?  
What mission does God call me to?

How's my CCS? Evaluate it.





*Young man, I say to you, get up! (Luke 7, 14)*

*'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me! (Acts 26, 16)*

*In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country. (Luke 1, 39)*

