



"...life does not have a mission, but is a mission...it is for that mission that each of us is alive."

- Pope Francis

THANK YOU!
Your support helps our Church to encourage and provide the opportunity for tomorrow's priests to discern their vocation.

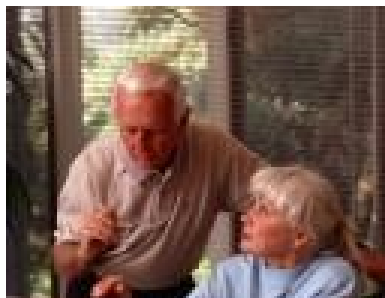


Fr. Roger Valesquez grew up in El Salvador right next to a Church that his family took care of. *"I remember playing and praying there. That's how I was first introduced to the life of the Church."*

The priest only came once a year for the feast of St. John the Baptist - and the town would have a huge celebration. *"It was a very joyful event and I remember looking to the priest as a role model and I would dream - I could be that one day."*

"My goal is to be an instrument of God's presence to the People of God on Long Island. All of us are called to holiness and we do that when we evangelize others - to take what God has given us to others."

[Click here to listen to Fr. Valesquez speak about being a priest](#)



IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER IS STILL A GREAT OPPORTUNITY UNDER NEW TAX LAWS!

Whether you itemize or not in 2020, this unique opportunity allows you to make charitable contributions through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted

gross income.

If you would like to make a gift using your IRA and if:

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift...
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify)...
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions...

then you will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York state income tax and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) if you are required to take one in 2020.

The best way to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you receive the money first, then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 516-678-5800 ext. 257

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