Holy Father, in our countries most of the time we lack vocations.

You know this very well.

What would you say to a young man or woman that feels the call to vocation in this moment to -priesthood or religious life?

***“That he should allow himself to be looked at by Jesus,***

***because the call doesn't come from a priest, bishop, not even the pope.***

***It is Jesus who is looking at him with affection.***

***He shows him the people, He shows them the need of God’s people***

***and tells him: If you want, come help me.***

***So to allow himself to be looked at by Jesus, that’s what I think.***

***And that throughout the course of each day, he allows himself to be looked at by Jesus.”***

What would you tell a young man or woman that feels the call and denies it or it is tough for them to take the next step or has fears?

***“That happened to Jesus..***

***When that young man who was very valuable. Who had all the virtues of a good man, who was also a good man and was not encouraged, a lot of sadness came upon Jesus.***

***I would tell that young man or woman: Look, if you decide to not pursue the call, you’re free… but look at the sadness that you provoke in the heart of Jesus, and the sadness that you provoke in many hearts that wont be able to resolve their issues because they are going to be missing a priest.”***

Excellent.

*“****Be come excited and don’t be fools”***

Thanks

***“When the Lord grabs by the hand, he never leaves us.”***

Thank you, Holy Father