

~Afterward~

The *Preparatory Document* says, “The purpose of vocational discernment is to find out how to transform them [our choices], in the light of faith, into steps towards the fullness of joy to which everyone is called.” We hope that these past 20 weeks have invited you into a personal journey of discernment to transform your life. We also hope that these 20 weeks have inspired you to want to share this series with someone in your life whom you feel might benefit from this. Perhaps this person may be a friend, a family member, a community member, a prayer group, or a faith-based organization you are a part of. Please help us share this collaborative wisdom with others! Looking back with gratitude on the gifts God has given us along the way, let us pray:

For Longing

Blessed be the longing that brought you here
And quickens your soul with wonder.
May you have the courage to listen to the
voice of desire
That disturbs you when you have settled
for something safe.
May you have the wisdom to enter generously
into your own unease
To discover the new direction your longing
wants you to take.
May the forms of your belonging—in love,
creativity and friendship
Be equal to the grandeur and the call of your soul.
May the one you long for long for you.
May your dreams gradually reveal the destination
of your desire.
May a secret Providence guide your thought and nurture
your feeling.
May your mind inhabit your life with the sureness
with which your body inhabits the world.
May your heart never be haunted by ghost-structures
of old damages.
May you come to accept your longing as divine urgency.
May you know the urgency with which God longs for you.

~John O'Donohue