

DIRECTIONS TO USHAW COLLEGE

Ushaw College is located just four miles northwest of Durham City.

BY CAR:

From the South, leave the A1(M) at junction 59 north of Darlington and continue north on the A167 to the traffic lights at Neville's Cross, which is on the outskirts of Durham City. Continue to the third set of traffic lights by the Pot and Glass pub, and turn left (Ushaw College is signposted here, 2½ miles).

From the North, leave the A1(M) at junction 63, Chester-le-Street. Continue south on the A167 until you reach Crossgate Moor on the outskirts of Durham. Turn right at the first set of traffic lights just past the pedestrian footbridge. Ushaw College is signposted (2½ miles).

BY TRAIN:

Durham Station is 4 miles away. Buses and taxis are available from the station.

BY AEROPLANE:

Newcastle Airport is 25 miles north of Ushaw. There is a Tyne & Wear Metro station at the airport. The Metro provides access to Newcastle Central Train Station, which has a connecting rail service to Durham. Buses and taxis are available from the station.

BY COACH:

National Express serves Durham seven days a week from locations all over the UK. Coaches arrive at the Durham Bus Station. Buses are available at the station and a taxis rank is nearby.

BY BUS:

Bus 52 from the Durham Bus Station makes several stops from Monday through Saturday in front of the College.

For a map and more information, go to:
www.ushaw.ac.uk/seminary/About/Location.html

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**DISCERNMENT
WEEKENDS
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*For Catholic men discerning
a vocation to the priesthood*



**Bicentenary
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DURHAM**

**The Catholic Seminary for
the North of England**

I'm happy, but I'm not fulfilled.

A lot of men who end up deciding to enter the seminary and eventually are ordained priests often say that before they entered the seminary there was "something missing" in their lives; they say that they desired "something more." This is a common experience. You might be happy in your current job or state in life, but in your heart you're longing for "something more". This may be a good sign that the Lord is calling you to the priesthood.

I've thought about it for years but I've never asked.

A good indication that the Lord may be calling you to the priesthood is the fact that you keep thinking about it. Maybe you've even tried to push the thoughts out of your mind and they just keep coming back. If you've been thinking about the priesthood for a long time, then the best thing to do is to act on those thoughts by inquiring about the seminary and the life of the priest. You can do this by contacting us.

I'm uncomfortable asking.

There's no obligation! Just because you are inquiring about the seminary and the priesthood does not mean that you are obliged to enter the seminary and become a priest. The fact that you are uncomfortable asking may mean that you really know in your heart that the priesthood is a possibility for you. As Pope John Paul II has often said, "Do not be afraid!" Simply take the step and inquire.

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Discernment Weekend

30 May — 1 June 2008

What is this calling? Who is calling? Why me? Church...Ministry...Prayer... Celibacy?????

2

Tools for Discernment

10 — 12 October 2008

All that you need to begin to discern seriously what God's plan is for you.

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Discernment Retreat

6 — 8 February 2009

Take time to reflect on your life and situation. Take the opportunity to listen to what God is saying to you.

Is God really calling me?

He may be calling you. The truth is that God created each one of us for a specific purpose. God may have created you to be a priest. If you're even asking yourself this question, it's a good indication that God wants you at least to seriously think about the priesthood as a possibility for your life.

Is the priesthood for me?

The priesthood is first and foremost a call from God. If God is calling you to be a priest, then most certainly it is for you. It's common to have fears and questions about embarking on this journey to the priesthood, but if God is truly calling you then you have nothing to fear. He will give you the grace you need to live this life. If God is not calling you, then he will make it clear.

Have you ever found yourself asking these questions: Why do I exist? How do I know God' plan for my life?

These are some of the most important questions that we can ask ourselves as human beings. These questions get to the heart of the matter.

Why am I here?

The truth is that you exist for a specific reason. God created you for a purpose. The Lord said to the prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jer. 1:5). Before God created you, he had a specific plan for you in mind. The fact that you're reading this means that you've probably thought about becoming a priest. The question to ask yourself now is, "Why not pursue these thoughts?"