

Session 7: Holy Orders
Cat 202: Celebration of the Christian Mystery –
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1. The two Sacraments at the Service of Communion (Holy Orders and Matrimony) help those who received these sacraments to grow in holiness through the service of others.
2. From the moment of His conception, Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be our High Priest.
 - a. In baptism, all the faithful share in the _____ priesthood of Christ, in which we are called to offer our lives as a living sacrifice to the Father.
 - b. The _____ priesthood refers to all those men who have been configured to Christ the High Priest through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
 - c. Holy Orders anoints a man for the purpose of _____, divine _____ and pastoral _____.
3. The three degrees or 'orders' of the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishop, priest and deacon.
 - a. Holy Orders was _____ through the Old Testament priesthood of Melchizedek, Aaron and his sons, and the Levites.
 - b. Only the ordained _____, and in some cases the priest, can be a minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - c. Bishops and priests can be _____ of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
 - d. Only bishops can _____ deacons, priests, and other bishops.
 - e. _____ can preach, baptize, witness marriages and preside at funerals in the Latin Church.
 - f. The bishop and priest serve the Church in the person of Christ as _____ of the Body of Christ.
 - g. Holy Orders does _____ preserve the person from weakness and sin, and the Holy Spirit is not impeded by the sin of the minister. The ordained are called to holiness and humility.

4. Through ordination to the episcopacy (the rank of bishop), bishops receive the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
- a. Through Holy Orders, the bishop becomes a _____ of the Apostles and member of the _____ of bishops.
 - b. The head of the college of bishops is the _____, the bishop of Rome.
5. Priests, or presbyters, are co-workers of the bishops, who assume the responsibility of serving on behalf of the parish at a particular parish.
6. Deacons (from the Greek word meaning 'servant'), receives ordination from the bishop with the intention of helping and serving bishops and priests. Deacons:
- a. Can be _____, leading to priesthood.
 - b. Can be _____.
 - c. Can be _____.
 - d. Can be _____, provided they are married before their Ordination to the diaconate.
7. The essential rite in the Sacrament of Holy Orders is the imposition of hands and the consecratory prayer.
- a. Only baptized _____ may be ordained to the priesthood.
 - b. While Jesus taught and lived the reality of equal dignity between man and woman, He chose _____ men for the priesthood. Mary held the most unique and privileged placed in the life of the Church, though she was not an apostle.
 - c. The Church has no authority to change essential aspects of the ministerial priesthood because they came from _____ Himself.
 - d. When the priest acts in the person of Christ, he represents Him in his physical body.

The priest represents Christ, the _____, and the people are the Church, the _____ of Christ.
 - e. The male priesthood in no way takes away from the _____ of women or their importance in the life of the Church.
 - f. Ordination to the priesthood is a call and gift _____ Himself.

- g. Priests in the _____ Church must be, under normal circumstances, _____. They are called to live celibately, dedicated completely to Christ with an undivided heart.
- h. In some cases, _____ clergy of other Christian communities who convert to Catholicism have been admitted to Holy Orders in the Latin Church.
- i. In the _____ Churches, only bishops must be celibate.

8. Holy Orders:

- a. Configures a bishop and priest to _____, the _____ of the Church, in His threefold office of priest, prophet and king.
- b. Configures the deacon to Christ as _____.
- c. Leaves an _____ mark on the soul and cannot be repeated. This mark is permanent on one's soul.

9. A priest is to live his life in pursuit of Christ, especially through praying and meditating on the Word of God.

For Further Study:

- Scripture: Luke 4:18-19; Hebrew 7:25-26; Matthew 19:12; Matthew 20:28; Mark 3:13-19.
- Catechism of the Catholic Church #1533-1600