

Lesson Nineteen Preparation: Mark 3:13-19

Holy Orders

Lesson Supplies

Catholic Children's Bible with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

Objectives

- In Holy Orders a man is ordained as a Deacon, Priest, or Bishop to continue the mission of Christ and the Apostles.
- Religious (Sisters and Brothers) are Laity that have consecrated themselves to God through the evangelical councils of poverty, chastity for the kingdom, and obedience.

Read

From the Bible: Mark 3:13-19

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Those who receive the sacrament of Holy Orders are consecrated in Christ's name "to feed the Church by the word and grace of God." [...] Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 1535-15366)
The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, "each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ." While being "ordered one to another," they differ essentially. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1547)

From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions [322-336](#). This should take 10 minutes.

Watch

[Jesus Picks His Disciples](#) (2:48) [What is Holy Orders](#) (1:55) [Hands of a Priest](#) (1:25)
[Degrees of Holy Orders](#) (2:44)

Reflect

Throughout human history, we have always had priests. Simply stated, a priest is someone who offers prayers and sacrifices to a deity. In the history of God's people, priesthood was originally a non-ordained role performed by the oldest male in the family, the patriarch. Very early on, the People of God had an idea of a priest as a father figure (see Judges 17:10). By the time of the Exodus, God established a rite of ordination that made a man a priest.

But God always intended for all of his children to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). He reiterated this intention in the New Testament: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9). This is why the Church understand there for the two ways of participating in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ. There is the ministerial priesthood that is conferred on a man through the sacrament of Holy Orders, and there is also the priesthood of the faithful or the common priesthood that is conferred on men and women in the sacrament of Baptism.

As parents, you are meant to be a priests of your home, the priests of the Domestic Church. Your prayers and sacrifices for your family are good and holy actions. That is how you exercise your priesthood. And by leading your family to the sacraments provided by the ordained hands of a ministerial priest.

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Lesson Summary

Holy orders is the sacrament in which a man becomes a priest bishop or deacon.

Through Holy Orders a man is made a priest to continue Christ's work on earth primarily by celebrating the sacraments, teaching, and preaching

Religious are consecrated to God through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and serve the people of God in various ministries

Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Creed and Hail Mary (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

Read

Calling of the Apostles

Mark 3:13-19

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the suggested journal prompts if you need help.

Reflect

Jesus picked 12 normal guys to be his Apostles and carry out his mission in a special way. Jesus had lots of followers who did great and important things to tell other people about him. But Jesus only gave certain men specific abilities to forgive sins, to turn bread and wine into his body and blood.

Jesus does the same today. While he asks all of us to do great and important things to tell others about him, he calls certain, normal guys to serve as deacons, priests, and Bishops. Through these men Jesus continues to minister, shepherd, sanctify, and teach His people. In the sacrament of Holy Orders, Jesus continues to lead his Church today.

Watch

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- [What is Holy Orders](#) (1:55)
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Discuss

- Share a time when a priest really helped you or your family.
- Ask the boys in the house if they have ever thought about being a priest someday.
- We all are called to offer prayers and sacrifices for others

Salvation History

Sometime this week, read **God Chooses Deborah to Lead His People (Judges 4:1-16)**, pages 330-331 in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

While God only calls men to lead his people through Holy Orders, he often calls women to be leaders in the Church. Deborah is just one example of this.

Live

- Write a note to the priests and deacons in our grouping to thank them for all that they do for our parish.
- Look up pictures of the priests and deacons in our grouping in the [parish website](#), and make prayer cards or a poster to remind you to pray for them.
- Spiritually adopt a seminarian. Visit [PghPriest](#) and pick a seminarian to pray for. Seminarians are men discerning a possible calling to the priesthood.

Lesson Nineteen Supplemental Materials

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Lesson Summary Statements

- Holy Orders is the sacrament where men become deacons, priests, and bishops in order to continue Jesus ministry and leadership in his Church.
- There are two participations in the priesthood of Christ.
 - **Priesthood of the Faithful** through baptism and confirmation. We offer our lives to God, and exercise our prophetic and kingly roles where God has placed us.
 - **Ministerial Priesthood** through holy orders offers sacrifice for the whole people of God, celebrates the sacraments, teaches, and governs for the whole people of God
- There are three degrees of Holy Orders:
 - **Deacons** are called to service of charity and the altar, and assist the priests and Bishop.
 - **Priests** celebrate the sacraments, teach, and govern the people of God assisting the Bishops.
 - **Bishops** have the fullness of the priesthood, are successor to the Apostles, and sanctify through the sacraments, teach, and govern a portion of the people of God known as a Diocese.
- The form (words) of Holy Orders is the Bishop's prayer invoking the Holy Spirit.
- The matter (material) is the Bishop laying hands on the head of the ordained.
- The effects of Holy Orders include:
 - Indelible character enabling the man to act in the person of Christ in the triple office of priest, prophet, or king.
 - Ability to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.
 - Special grace of the Holy Spirit to minister to the people of God.
- In all the sacraments it is Jesus who is acting through His ministers. A priest acts in the person of Christ. It is not Father So-and-so who baptizes or forgives; it is Jesus who baptizes or forgives. This is why even if the priest is a sinful man, the sacrament is valid.
- Religious Brothers and Sisters are can be priests or laity, and they follow Jesus through the evangelical councils of poverty, chastity, and obedience while living in a religious community such as Capuchins, Dominicans, Carmelites, Jesuits, Little Sisters of the Poor, etc.
- Male Religious are brothers, friars, or Monks
- Female Religious are sisters, or nuns
- Nuns and monks live and work in Monasteries. Religious brothers and sisters live in community but work outside of monasteries.

More Resources to Answer Your Questions

Videos

- [What is a catholic priest](#) (3:57)
- [monks, nuns, orders](#) (2:44)
- [I Will Follow](#) (10:40)

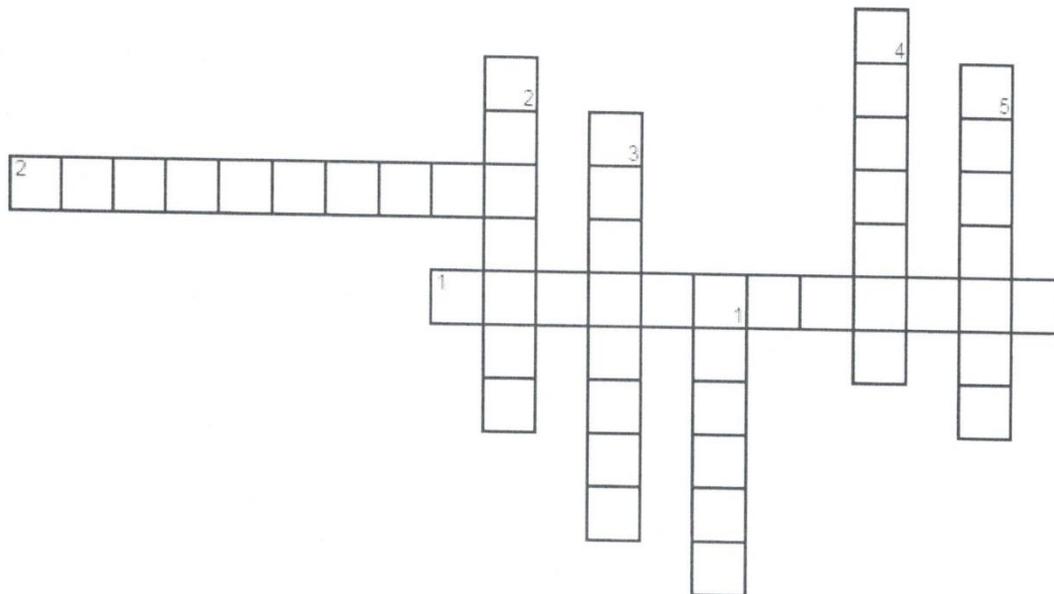
Websites

- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)

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Across

1. The 2 main parts of Holy Orders are the laying of hands and the prayer of what?
2. the sacrament in which baptized men are ordained to serve the Church as deacons, priests, and bishops.

Down

1. Bishops, Priests, and deacons serve here in different ways.
2. the successors of the Apostles who are ordained to continue the Apostle's mission of leadership.
3. Jesus shared his ministry in a special way with these 12 men.
4. ordained ministers who serve the Christian faithful by leading, teaching, and most especially celebrating the Eucharist and other sacraments.
5. baptized men who are not priests but are ordained for the work of service for the Church.

Word Bank

Priests	Apostles
Consecration	Holy Order
Church	Deacons
Bishops	