

A Preassessment of My Knowledge of the Role of the Laity

For each statement, choose "A" if you agree with the statement, choose "U" if you are undecided, or choose "D" if you disagree. Some statements are either false or partially incorrect as they stand. Use the lines below the chart to write any comments or questions you may have.

STATEMENTS	A	U	D
The term <i>laity</i> technically includes all who are not ordained ministers, including brothers and sisters in religious orders.			
The vocation of the laity in the Church is relatively unimportant compared to the role of the clergy.			
The laity is called to be <i>in</i> the world but not <i>of</i> the world.			
Lay ecclesial ministers are laypeople who are given special authority by the bishop to assist in certain roles that otherwise would most likely be performed by clergy.			
The word <i>evangelize</i> refers exclusively to the role of the clergy to spread the gospel.			
Lay ecclesial ministers must be ordained.			
An apostolate is a particular work through which a person may carry out his or her Christian vocation.			
Through the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, we become full members of Christ's Body, the Church, and are empowered to carry out our vocation.			
The laity is called to share all three primary roles of Christ as priest, prophet, and king.			
The priestly role of the laity is to bless children and animals.			
An important priestly role of the laity is to make every action an act of praise of God.			
The most important quality of a prophet is the ability to foresee the future.			
The most important quality of a prophet is that he or she is able to speak for God.			
One of the most important kingly roles of the laity is their service to those most in need.			



The parish (the local Church) is the basic structural unit of the universal Church.			
The laity should find their “home” and source of inspiration and strength in their parish community.			
Nobody chooses the single life.			
Being a single Christian allows that person the freedom to “test out” whether he or she wishes to live in a socially responsible, chaste, or generous manner.			
More and more people choose to remain single as a good alternative for carrying out their Christian vocation.			
The Church prefers that lay people marry in order to carry out their Christian vocation.			

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