Reviewing the Leadership Structure of the Church

Respond to the following questions about the Church’s hierarchy. Refer to articles 39–43 in your book.

1. What is the Roman Curia?
2. What are some of its offices?
3. Define each of the following terms:

Holy See

diocese

parish

college of bishops

Vicar of Christ

1. Briefly summarize the role of bishops in the Church’s hierarchy and the authority given to them.
2. Describe the vocation of a priest, and tell what authority and responsibilities a priest has.
3. Describe the vocation of a deacon, and tell what authority and responsibilities a deacon has.
4. Describe the relationship between a bishop and a priest.
5. Write a brief reflection about the leadership of the Church and how through its temporal leadership the Church continues Christ’s mission.