

A Preassessment of My Knowledge of the Vocation of Holy Orders: Leader's Copy

This preassessment is presented in the format of a "Who Am I?" game, so inanimate objects and concepts are personified as "I." Read aloud only the *answers* in **bold** print. To make the game more challenging, ask questions in a random order.

Who is an ordained minister?

I am a priest, bishop, or deacon.

Who is the first priest mentioned in the Old Testament, and why am I important?

You can find me in the book of Genesis, and my name is Melchizedek; I prefigured the priesthood of Christ by offering bread and wine as a sacrifice to God.

What is the name and significance of the priestly tribe of Israel?

I am the priestly tribe of Israel, named Levi. My entire tribe was called to be a priestly people and to serve the priests of the Temple who presided over the Israelites' liturgical worship.

What was the nature of the priesthood during the reign of King Solomon?

I was committed to the whole nation of Israel to offer sacrifices such as lambs for the nation's sins in the Temple; however, I did not have the power to bring about redemption.

Who is Jesus Christ, the High Priest?

I am the one mediator between God and humanity; by offering myself on the Cross, I redeemed the world once and for all, taking away sin and restoring eternal life.

Who brought about the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and when did this vocation begin?

I am Jesus Christ; during the Last Supper, I gave my Apostles authority to continue my mission, especially through the celebration of the Sacraments.

What is a bishop, and how does he serve?

I am called to serve and to lead the Church by teaching the Word of God, by offering divine worship in the liturgy, and by governing the Church as a representative of Christ the High Priest.

What are the three degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders?

I am a bishop, priest, or deacon.



What is a bishop?

I am the chief shepherd of the particular Church or diocese to which I have been assigned as a successor to the Apostles.

What is Apostolic Succession?

I am the Pope and the bishops, who are the successors to Peter and the Apostles, who lead the ministry of witness to the Resurrection in every generation.

Who is Matthias?

I was chosen by the Apostles to replace Judas Iscariot after his death.

What is the College of Bishops?

I am a group of leaders of the Church who, under the authority of the Pope, share the responsibility of caring for the entire Church.

What is a priest?

I am consecrated to preach the Gospel, to guide the People of God, and to celebrate the liturgy of the Church (especially the Eucharist); I may also serve as a pastor of a local parish church.

What is the meaning of the word *sanctify*?

I literally mean "to make holy."

What is a permanent deacon?

I have a title meaning "service." I am ordained to preach the Word of God, to assist during the Eucharist, to help the pastor lead the parish, and to serve in many ways. If I am married, I promise not to remarry should my wife die.

What is the *Code of Canon Law*?

I am the official set of rules that help to govern the Church in such matters as who can administer or receive the Sacraments, what the responsibilities of bishops are, how Catholic schools are to be administered, and so on.

What is the Magisterium?

I am the Church's living teaching office consisting of all bishops in communion with the bishop of Rome, the Pope.



What is ***Providence***?

I am the guidance, material goods, and care provided by God that is sufficient to meet our needs.

What is a transitional deacon?

I am in the process of becoming a priest and have been ordained to preach the Word of God and to assist the priest and bishop, but I cannot yet consecrate the bread and wine.

What is celibacy?

I am a discipline of the Church for ordained ministers as well as religious women and men requiring that my total dedication be for Christ rather than in a married state.

What is a miter?

I am the unique pointed hat that is worn by a bishop for liturgical celebrations.

What is a crozier?

I am the shepherd's staff of a bishop.

What is a diocese?

I am the local Church, consisting of the Catholic people of an area under the leadership of a bishop.

What is the *permanent character* of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders?

I permanently change and mark the soul of a person who receives it as specially chosen, made one with Christ, and set apart for service. I can never be repeated.



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