

## Statements from the *Catechism* on the Sacraments at the Service of Communion



The ordained ministry or *ministerial* priesthood is at the service of the baptismal priesthood.<sup>1</sup> The ordained priesthood guarantees that it really is Christ who acts in the sacraments through the Holy Spirit for the Church. The saving mission entrusted by the Father to his incarnate Son was committed to the apostles and through them to their successors: they receive the Spirit of Jesus to act in his name and in his person.<sup>2</sup> (CCC, 1120)

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Based on this statement, how does this Sacrament help to serve the common good of the Church and the world?

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Certain members are called by God, in and through the Church, to a special service of the community. These servants are chosen and consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders, by which the Holy Spirit enables them to act in the person of Christ the head, for the service of all the members of the Church.<sup>3</sup> The ordained minister is, as it were, an “icon” of Christ the priest. (CCC, 1142)

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God who created man out of love calls him to love—the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love.<sup>4</sup> Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator’s eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: “And God blessed them, and God said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.’”<sup>5</sup> (CCC, 1604)

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The fruitfulness of conjugal love extends to the fruits of the moral, spiritual, and supernatural life that parents hand on to the children by education. Parents are the principal and first educators of their children.<sup>6</sup> In this sense the fundamental task of marriage and family is to be at the service of life.<sup>7</sup> (CCC, 1653)

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1. Cf. *Lumen gentium* § 2.
2. Cf. *John* 20:21–23; *Luke* 24:47; *Matthew* 28:18–20.
3. Cf. *Presbyterorum ordinis* 2; 15.
4. Cf. *Genesis* 1:27; *1 John* 4:8, 16.
5. *Genesis* 1:28; cf. 1:31.
6. Cf. *Gravissimum educationis* 3.
7. Cf. *Familiaris consortio* 28.

