

Grade 5, Chapter 18 – Holy Orders

Bible story connections:

- Acts 20:28
- Romans 15:15-16
- Titus 1:7-9

Social Justice tie-in:

- Beatitude – Blessed are the Pure of Heart – show gratitude by thanking your priest, either with cards or some other show of appreciation.

Discussion Questions:

- How are priests' and religious sisters' relationship to Christ unique?
- How can we discern what God is calling us to?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

451. What is Holy Orders?

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which men receive the power and grace to perform the sacred duties of bishops, priests, and other ministers of the Church.

454. What are the chief supernatural powers of the priest?

The chief supernatural powers of the priest are: to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to forgive sins in the sacrament of Penance.

Catholic Brain Connections:

Printables

[Holy Orders coloring page](#)

[Holy Orders Word Search](#)

Videos

[Adventure Catechism – What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders?](#)

Family Page: Ch. 18 – Holy Orders

Review:

Vocabulary

- Vocation – A call from God
- Holy Orders – The sacrament in which a man is set apart for a special ministry in the Church, as a deacon, priest, or bishop
- *in Persona Christi* – Latin phrase meaning “in the Person of Christ.” Jesus Himself acts through His priests, especially when they consecrate the Eucharist or absolve from sin.

1) What are some things only a priest can do?

Two of the most prominent are: consecrate the Eucharist and absolve from sin

2) Who is the overseer of a diocese, and a successor of the apostles?

A bishop

Discussion Question:

Why are religious vocations so necessary for the Church?

Activity:

Discernment is so important, asking God what His plan for us is. And it is so important for parents to support their children’s vocations. Every day this week, pray as a family for God to show the children what their vocations are. Remember, God works in His own time, and the process of discernment often takes years.

He knows you and He loves you