

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE: HOLY ORDERS—KEYNOTE (3-17-19)

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments,
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God,
Who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen

KEYNOTE: HOLY ORDERS—A SACRAMENT AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND MISSION (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* 321-336)

- I. Holy Orders: “The sacraments through which the mission entrusted by Christ to His Apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time.” (322)
 - A. Prefigurations from the Old Testament (324)
 1. Service of the Levites (deacons)
 2. Priesthood of Aaron (priests)
 3. 70 Elders (bishops)
 - B. Three Degrees of Holy Orders (325)
 1. Diaconate (permanent or transitional deacons)
 2. Presbyterate (priests)
 3. Episcopate (bishops, originally Peter and the Apostles)
 - C. Effect of the Sacrament of Holy Orders generally (335):
 1. Special outpouring of the Holy Spirit
 2. Particular configuration to the triple office of Christ
 - a. Priest (to sanctify the Father’s children and Christ’s flock)
 - b. Prophet (to teach the Father’s children and Christ’s flock)
 - c. King (to lead God’s children and Christ’s flock)
- II. Effects of Ordination of Deacons (330)
 - A. Configuration to Christ the servant of all for service to the Church
 - B. Service under the authority of his proper bishop
 1. Ministry of the Word (proclaiming the Gospel, preaching homilies)
 2. Ministry of Divine Worship (assisting in or celebrating Liturgies)
 3. Ministry of pastoral care and charity
- III. Effects of the Ordination of Priests (328)
 - A. “The anointing of the Spirit seals the priest with an indelible, spiritual character that”
 1. “configures him to Christ the priest”
 2. “enables him to act in the name of Christ the Head”
 - B. “As co-worker of the order of bishops he is consecrated”
 1. “to preach the Gospel”
 2. “to celebrate divine worship, especially the Eucharist from which his ministry draws its strength”
 3. “to be a shepherd of the faithful”
- IV. Effects of the Ordination of Bishops (326)
 - A. “confers the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders”
 - B. “makes the bishop a legitimate successor of the Apostles”
 - C. “integrates him into the episcopal college to share with the Pope and the other bishops care for all the churches”

D. “confers on him the offices of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling”

QUESTIONS (T/F)

1. There is no Scriptural support for the three grades of orders that we find in the Catholic Church today.
2. In the course of Church history, there were women called deaconesses who, though not ordained, served in the Church.
3. If a bishop illicitly ordains a woman as a priest, she would indeed have the faculties (powers) of a priest.
4. A deacon can celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and of Holy Matrimony.
5. A deacon can administer the Anointing of the Sick.
6. For a Christian community to be called a “Church,” it must include validly ordained ministers and efficacious Sacraments.
7. If a Catholic permanent deacon loses his wife to death, he is then free to get married.
8. There are no married priests in the Roman Catholic Church.
9. If the Pope were to change the norm of priestly celibacy in the Roman Catholic Church, then Father Jack would be free to get married.
10. The Pope, in union with the bishops, has the power to change the Deposit of Faith.

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Act of Faith,” “Act of Hope,” “Spiritual Communion,” “Psalm 23,” and “The Memorare”
- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (20-35 minutes)
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Meditation
 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition
 - A. Did I use my memory and intellect in a way that glorifies God the Father? Ask the Father to heal and purify my memory and intellect.
 - B. Did I unite my heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus today by making a Spiritual Communion or receiving Him in Holy Communion? Ask Jesus to heal and purify my heart and will.
 - C. Did I place all my emotions and desires under the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to heal my emotions and purify my desires.
 - D. Did I embrace Mary today as my Mother in the order of grace by praying with her and behaving like one of her spiritual children? Ask Mary to pray for my healing and purification in body and soul.