

Holy Orders IS THE SACRAMENT THAT ORDAINS A MAN TO SERVE THE CHURCH as a deacon, priest, or bishop. This ministry includes preaching and administering the sacraments for the sanctification of others, as instituted by Christ and handed on faithfully by the Apostles and their successors.

IN THE CATECHISM:
CCC, 1536-1600



SIGN:

Laying on
of hands =
Conferring the
Holy Spirit



**MINISTER OF THE
SACRAMENT:** Bishop

**THIS SACRAMENT
CANNOT BE REPEATED.**

KEY WORDS AND ACTIONS:

The **bishop** imposes hands on the head of the ordinand, and in the **prayer of consecration** he asks God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the gifts proper to the ministry to which the candidate is being ordained.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

“So I exhort the presbyters among you, as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed. Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock.” – 1 Peter 5:1-3

Also: Heb 5:1; 1 Tim 3:1; 2 Tim 1:6; Ti 1:7-9

THE GRACES GIVEN:

* To be configured to Christ by a special grace of the Holy Spirit, to serve as Christ’s instrument for his Church in service to the faithful.

* To act as a representative of Christ in one of the three degrees or ordination — as a bishop, priest, or deacon.