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Marriage and Holy Orders

Directed Reading Guide

Unit 3: Called to Service through Holy Orders Chapter 8: The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Directions: Read the assigned pages for each section and fill in the missing information. All the answers are found in sequential order as you read.

Hearing God's Voice

Read pages 228-230

1. There are two important messages to glean from the scripture examples:
 - a. First, from _____ to Paul, the Scriptures are filled with occasions when God calls people to his _____.
 - b. Second, God calls people in countless different _____: in a command, in a dramatic natural _____, in a whisper, or even a crushing knock to the ground.
2. True/False? God continues to call some Christians to his service and all men to his priestly service.
3. True/False? Today, while God continues to call men to priesthood, there is a lack of fostering and hearing that call.

The Call to Priesthood

Read pages 231-235.

1. True/False? Everyone in the Church – male and female- has a role in helping a man to determine if God is calling him to the priesthood and decide whether or not he will accept the call.
2. For the man involved, the call to the priesthood may be present from _____ in life, manifesting itself as a _____ but pleasant feeling that God is calling him to a _____ type of life.
3. In all cases, what does a man considering a call to the priesthood sense?
4. Besides other people telling him that he would make a good priest, there are other signs that are a good way for a man to gauge a possible vocation to the priesthood. He may notice:
 - a. His _____ life is getting better.
 - b. He is attending _____ and the other sacraments more frequently.
 - c. He is spending more time in _____ and/or service-related activities.

- d. He is progressing beyond a generic idea of being a priest to _____ himself acting as one more concretely, that is, preaching, _____, celebrating the sacraments.
 - e. He finds himself fighting the _____ of being a priest but not being able to get them out of his head.
 - f. He may be presented with many other attractive options for career and relationships, but left wondering if he will _____ it some day if he does not pursue the initial steps of priestly vocation.
5. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, what is the first task of a priest?
 6. True/False? To be a believer is to be someone who God converses with and God lives with.
 7. A man who is discerning a call to the priesthood must also be, first, a _____.
 - a. He must recognize God's _____ in his life and know how to _____ to it.
 8. Why does the road up the mountain to be a priest remain a very steep climb in these times?
 9. The next era in the Church is one in which men who have even firmer _____ and deeper belief than previous _____ will be called to make the priesthood a true _____ of Christ, the High Priest, and the Gospel.
 10. What are the ways for a man to facilitate and maintain dialogue with God involving the decision?
 11. True/False? The duty for everyone, except teenagers, in encouraging priestly vocations is to continue to help restore a "Christian mentality in every aspect of life.
 12. What happens once a man decides to make a formal inquiry and/or application to be a candidate for priesthood?
 13. Why is the formal time of discernment called the aspirancy?
 14. To be accepted as a candidate for ordination, a person must be a _____ male who has completed Christian _____, who willingly and knowingly wishes to be _____, and who has been accepted as a candidate by Church _____.

Preparing for Ordination

Read pages 236-240.

1. What are the four crucial areas of formation outlined by Pope John Paul II in *Pastores Dabo Vobis*?
2. True/False? It is important for the priest to be able to relate well with others.
3. What must a priest come to a central awareness of through his growth?
4. Spiritual formation centers on the priest learning to live the _____
_____ in his own life- the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ-
so that he can teach the people he will minister to how to _____ it in their
lives.
5. True/False? Lectio divina is the prayerful and meditative reading of the Mass.
6. What does a sound intellectual formation help the priest do?
7. Priests are to be formed in pastoral ministry so as to make them _____
of souls in imitation of Jesus Christ, the Good _____.
8. True/False? The Church herself and the bishop are the first representatives in
forming a man for the priesthood.
9. Where does the candidate spend most of his time in residence and training?
10. The entire formation program is aimed at “enabling students to be formed as true
_____ of souls, following the _____ of our
Lord Jesus Christ, teacher, _____ and shepherd”.
11. Where does the fifth supervised year of pastoral experience usually take place?
12. What does the candidate do during the first two years of the seminary program?
13. True/False? The fourth year of the seminary program is a break from academic
and theological study to allow for a focus on pastoral skills.
14. A seminary is essentially a house of prayer, _____, and
formation.
15. True/False? Attendance and participation at daily Mass is a requirement for a
seminarian.
16. Why is ordination to the diaconate an important step in priestly formation?

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

Read pages 241-245.

1. True/False? Both the ordinations of the bishop and priest, but not the deacon follow the same movement and take place within the Eucharistic liturgy.
2. Given the significance of the Sacrament of Holy Orders in the life of the Church, when are ordinations scheduled for?
3. The essential rite of the Sacrament of Holy Orders for all three degrees consists in the bishop's _____ of hands on the head of the man to be ordained while reciting a prayer of _____ that asks God for an outpouring of the _____ - _____ and the specific gifts related to the ministry for which he is being ordained.
4. What are some of the essential duties of the priesthood?
5. After the homily, the candidate stands before the bishop and is questioned about his _____ to fulfill the duties of the priesthood, to celebrate the _____ as they have been handed down by Christ, to preach the _____ and teach the Catholic faith, and to unite himself more closely to _____, the High Priest.
6. True/False? The initial rites of Holy Orders conclude with the candidate laying prostrate on the floor of the sanctuary as a sign of his unworthiness and need for God's help.
7. What is the purpose of praying the litany of Saints?
8. True/False? The anointing with oil is the essential rite of ordination.
9. What is the stole a sign of?
10. What is the bishop presented at his ordination? What is it a sign of?
11. What is the difference in where the priest and the bishop are anointed with holy chrism?
12. True/False? The bishop's miter symbolizes his fidelity and authority.

The Effects of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

Read pages 247-249.

1. True/False? The Sacrament of Holy Orders configures the man who receives it to Christ by a special grace of the Holy Spirit.
2. In the bishop and his priest designate, it is _____ himself who is acting in the celebration of the _____.

3. True/False? A bishop's or priest's sinfulness can impede the grace of the sacraments.
4. True/False? Some men who are validly ordained can be discharged from the functions and obligations linked to ordination but he can never again be a layman.
5. According to Jesus, true power and authority comes from being _____, not _____, and by _____ the needs of others.
6. In his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote of the responsibility of bishops to be what?
7. In general, what is the grace of the Holy Spirit of the Holy Spirit for bishops, priests, and deacons a connection to?
8. For the bishop, the gift of the Spirit is first of all the grace of _____ to govern the Church, to _____ it, and to show a _____ love for the poor, sick and needy.
9. What grace does ordination confer on priests?
10. True/False? Deacons receive in sacramental ordination the graces of service in the liturgy, in sharing the Gospel, and in works of charity.
11. As with all sacraments, Holy Orders _____ the life of Jesus in the ordained man who is called to serve him.
 - a. The Sacrament also gives the actual graces to provide the _____ and fortitude to live as an ordained minister throughout life.