

(CHRIST'S FAITHFUL—HIERARCHY, LAITY, CONSECRATED LIFE)

IN BRIEF 28. Questions and Answers

Para 934- How are the laity and clerics similar?

The laity and clerics are similar in that they may keep similar devotion to God and the Church in keeping those councils of poverty, chastity and obedience in pursuing the saving mission of the Church.

Para 935- What unique ability did the Lord Jesus give His Apostles and their successors?

The unique ability that Jesus gave to His Apostles and their successors was the power to act in the person of Christ Jesus.

Para 936- What did Jesus Christ give to Peter alone?

Jesus Christ gave to Peter alone the sacred office representing visibly Christ himself on earth. Peter was given the Keys of the Kingdom appointing him to be the Shepherd of Shepherds and Bishop of the Bishops of the Church.

Para 937- Who is the Supreme overseer of the Church granted by Christ?

Christ granted that the Supreme overseer of the Church would be the Pope for he has been given unilateral and dynamic oversight of all those within the Catholic Church.

Para 938- What is the visible source of unity in the Catholic Church.

The visible source of unity in the Catholic Church is the succession of the Bishops founded by the Holy See for the practical outworking of Christ within the Church and the world.

Para 939- What function do the Bishops have under the Pope?

The functions of the Bishops under the Pope are that they have been given the privilege and responsibility to care for the flock having been granted specifically the teaching of faith in an authentic fashion, for the purpose of worship and celebration of the divine worship. Above all, the Bishops operate under the Holy Spirit bringing forth the Holy Eucharist while guiding the pastors and their flock under his care to feed in the pasture granted him by the Pope to oversee.

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Para 940- What is the primary call of the laity?

The primary call of the laity is to express a vigorous spirit of devotion to God in service in the Church and the world handling secular affairs while being leaven in the world.

Para 941- United with Christ, the laity shares in the priesthood expressing the fruit of Baptism and Confirmation at every level of life at home, work, the world and in the Church seeking what?

The Church seeks holiness in bringing unity to the laity and shares the priesthood with Christ expressing the fruit of Baptism and Confirmation at every level of life at home, at work, in the world and in the Church.

Para 942- What is the laity's prophetic mission?

The laity's prophetic mission is to share the truth of God's presence in their world and the world of those with whom they devote themselves on a daily basis.

Para 943- What is the kingly mission of the laity?

The kingly mission of the laity is to center upon Christ bringing forth his holiness within the laity turning to Christ and away from sin, living lives set apart unto Christ while denying themselves, they undermine the power of darkness with the light and life of God's Holy Spirit.

Para 944- Upon what are the laity rooted and grounded in God's love publicly proclaiming Christ's peace, mercy and justice in this world and in His Church?

The laity is rooted and grounded in God's love publicly proclaiming that the laity is founded upon Christ's peace, mercy and justice in this world and in His Church through the evangelical counsels of purity, chastity and obedience.

Para 945- How do the laity benefit the Church and freely the whole people of the earth?

The laity benefits the Church and freely the whole people of the earth by consecrating themselves more closely to God, having been baptized, confirmed and commissioned through God's Word to give fully to the mission of the Church and the Lord's call.