**The Ministry- Annotated**

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| Q. | Who are the ministers of the Church? |  |
| A. | The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. | Threefold order. |
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| Q. | What is the ministry of the laity? |  |
| A. | The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church. | Laity = represent Christ and his Church.  Gk: *laos*, i.e.: the people.   * to bear witness to him wherever they may be; * to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world (according to the gifts given them); * and to take their place in the   + life,   + worship,   + and governance of the Church. |
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| Q. | What is the ministry of a bishop? |  |
| A. | The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry. | Bishop = head of a diocese.  Bishop = represent Christ and his Church.  Gk: *episkopos*, i.e.: overseer (Phil 1:1, I Tim 3:1-2, Tit 1:7).   * apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; * to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; * to proclaim the Word of God; * to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; * to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry. |
| Q. | What is the ministry of a priest or presbyter? |  |
| A. | The ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God. | Priest/presbyter = represent Christ and his Church.  Gk: *presbuteros*, i.e.: elder (I Tim 5:17, I Pet 5:1-5).  Gk: *hiereus*, i.e.: priest (Rom 15:16?).   * pastor to the people; * to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; * to proclaim the Gospel; * to administer the sacraments; * and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God. |
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| Q. | What is the ministry of a deacon? |  |
| A. | The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments. | Deacon = represent Christ and his Church.  Gk: *diakonai*, i.e.: servant (I Tim 3:8-13).   * servant of those in need; * and to assist bishops and priests in:   + the proclamation of the Gospel   + and the administration of the sacraments. |
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| Q. | What is the duty of all Christians? |  |
| A. | The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. | All Christians = follow Christ.   * to come together week by week for corporate worship; * and spread of the kingdom of God:   + work,   + pray,   + give. |