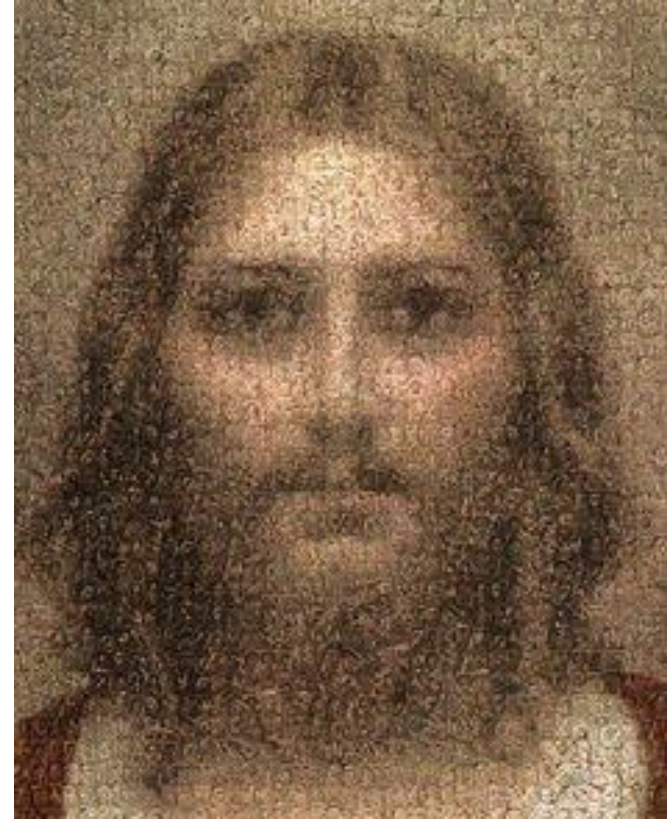
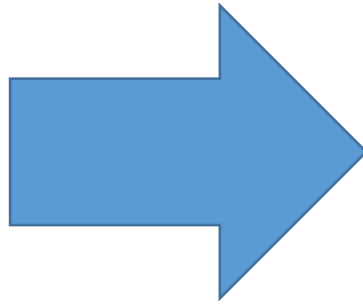




# Sacraments of Vocation

## Priesthood and Marriage

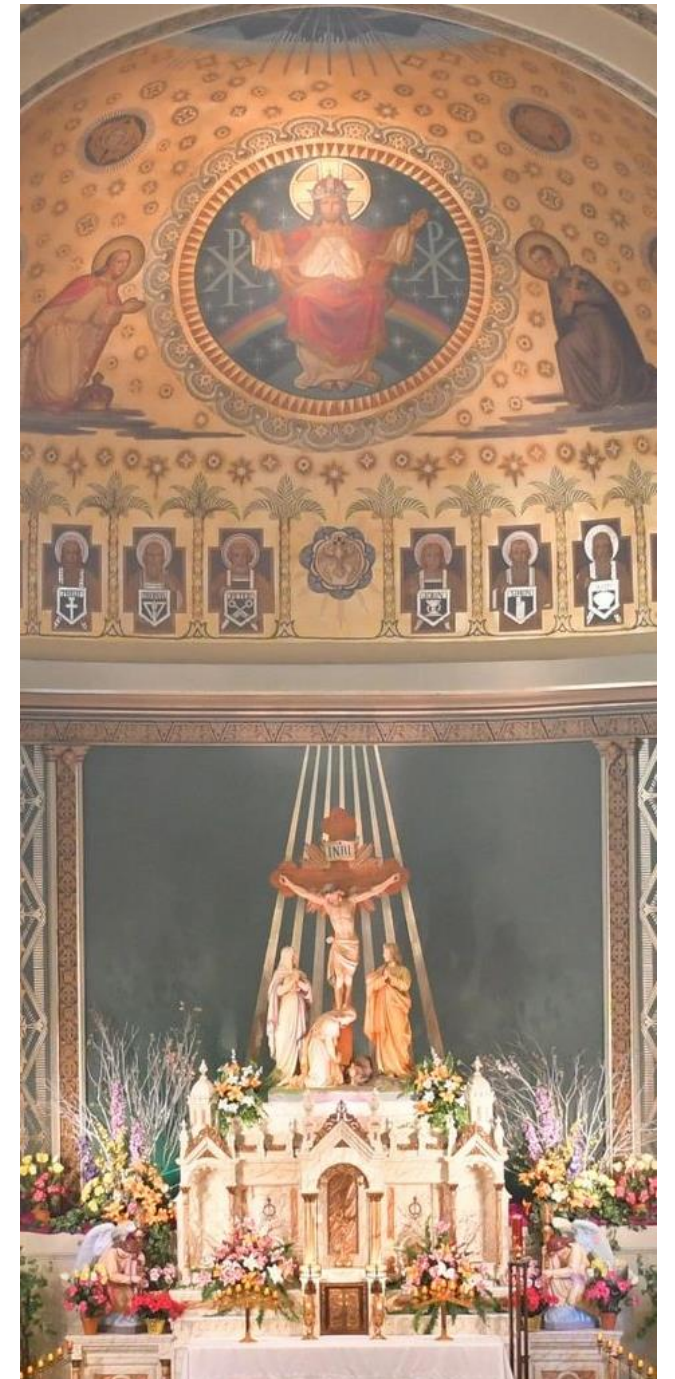
# Baptism → a member of the Body of Christ



1 Cor 12:27: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



If we are the Body of Christ,  
then who is Christ?



# What is the role of the priest?



Priest



Prophet



King

# By Baptism: We Participate in Christ who is: **Priest, Prophet, and King**

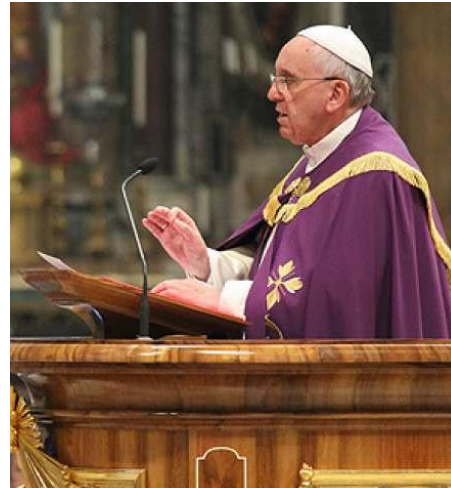
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Verse 5: Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Verse 9: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



# How can you fulfill the same roles as a priest?

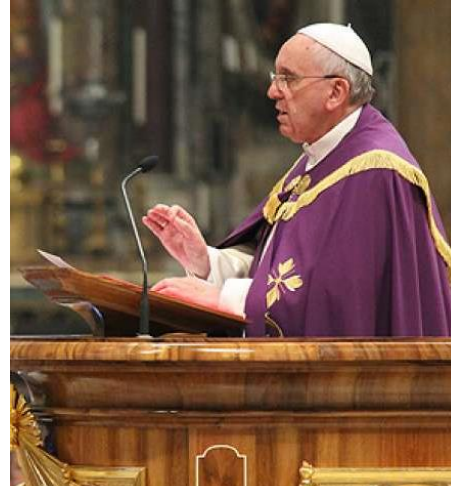


# Catechism on the Different Types of Priesthood

- **1546** Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father."<sup>20</sup> The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are "consecrated to be . . . a holy priesthood."<sup>21</sup>
- **1547** The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, "each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ." While being "ordered one to another," they differ essentially.<sup>22</sup> In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace -- a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit--, the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood.

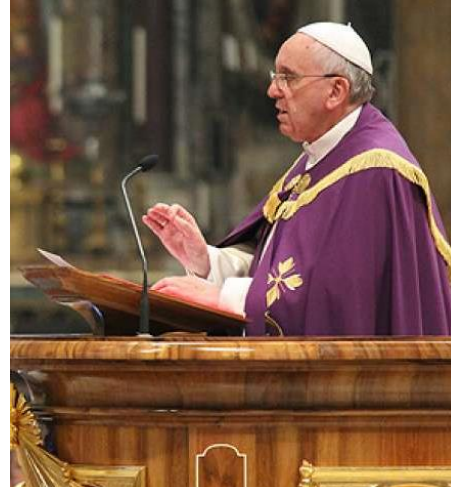


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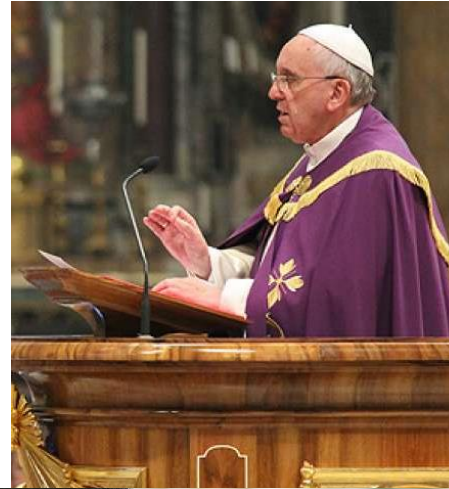
Priests: fathers of the divine family (church fam)  
Human parents: fathers/mothers of a human fam

# Why I became a priest





What is the difference between a ministerial priest and a baptismal priest?



Ministerial priest: Christ wholly present through the man (en persona Christi)  
Baptismal priest: a member of the Body of Christ

The fact that Christ is truly, sacramentally present in priest:  
A reason that priesthood is reserved for only men  
(a tradition that goes back to the priesthood of the Jews and the Apostles)





# Where did the ministerial priesthood come from?

Jesus:

He created a new priesthood out of the old Jewish priesthood.

<i>Moses and the Priestly Hierarchy</i>	<i>Jesus and His Disciples</i>
Moses	Jesus
The 1: Aaron, the High Priest	The 1: Peter, leader of the Apostles
The 3: Aaron, Nadab, Abihu	The 3: Peter, James, and John
The 12: Twelve Pillars / “Young Men” of the Twelve Tribes	The 12: Twelve Apostles of the Twelve Tribes
The 70: Priestly Elders of Israel (Exod 24:1-11)	The 70: Appointed and Sent Out (Luke 6:14; 9:32; 10:1-20; 22:28-34)

Jewish Priesthood: Offer imperfect sacrifices of animals  
Catholic Priesthood: Offer the sacrifice of Christ (the Lamb of God) in the Mass

# Holy Chrism

- We use Holy Chrism as a sign of the Holy Spirit descending to create a permanent change in the person
- We use Chrism in three sacraments:
  1. Baptism
  2. Confirmation
  3. Priestly Ordination
- What is the permanent change in each of the Sacraments?





# Other parts of the ordination



# 3 Levels of Priesthood

- Deacon
- Priest
- Bishop



# Theology of the Body

- St. Pope John Paul II: An Old and New Theology

- Key passage: 1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and **knows God**. Whoever does not love does not know God, for **God is love**.

- The more purely we love (and are loved in return), the more we experience God
- Who values sex (and family) more? Church or culture?
  - Yet: Loving purely involves sacrifice and resurrection

# Marriage

- A call to live as the Body of Christ in this world
  - The priesthood is the same: a specific call to live as Christ in the world.
    - In Marriage: You are Christ to your spouse
    - In the Priesthood: You are Christ (married) to the Church



We are created in the image of God  
But, who is God?



What does it mean that God is love?

# GENESIS 2:24

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Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and  
clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.





Why did God create Eve from Adam's rib?







# A story of a couple that lived as one flesh, one being



## Ephesians 5:31-33

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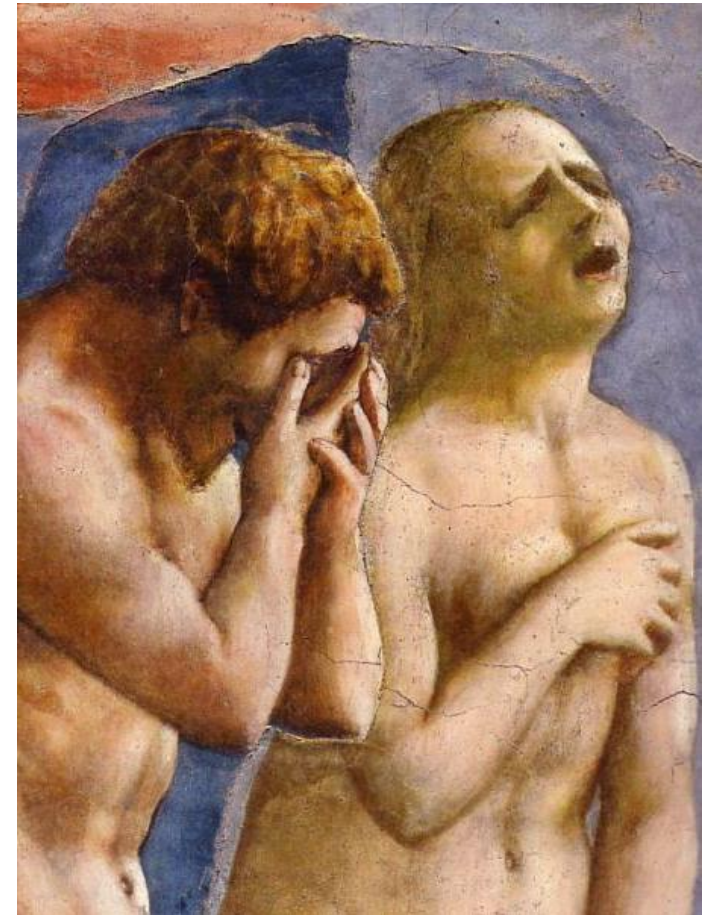
<sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.



# GENESIS 3:7-8 — but, there's a problem!

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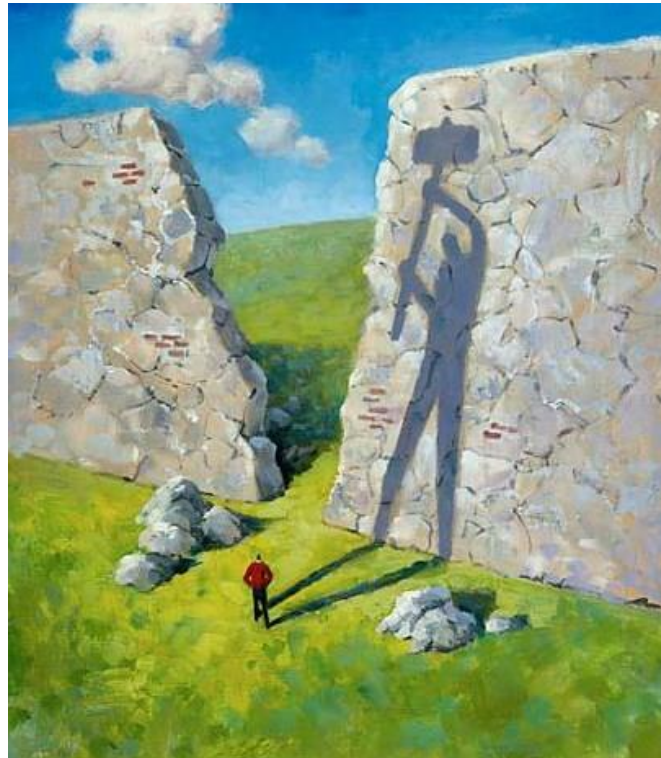
- <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.
- <sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.



# Zechariah 2:4

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Jerusalem shall be inhabited like villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and animals in it.



# Ephesians 2:14

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For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

The purpose of Marriage: to destroy the wall between two people that they might experience the love of God in a concrete way.





Why is the union of marriage indissoluble?



# Why is the unión of marriage indissoluble?

- It is to be like the love of Christ for us: eternal.
- You cannot do anything so bad that God would never love you again. He'll keep offering you mercy even after the worst of sins.
  - It ought to be the same in marriage because it is a concrete, sacramental sign of the love of God.

# What is the purpose of marriage?

- The salvation of the spouses
- The creation of life (procreation)