

Mysterious Encounters: Unveiling the Power of the Sacraments

Week 6: Holy Orders

1. Sacraments at the service of communion: Holy Orders and Matrimony
2. Institution of the priesthood in the Gospels
 - a. Luke 22:19-20 (the Last Supper)
 - b. John 20:19-23 (Giving of the Holy Spirit and the authority to forgive sins)
3. Appointment of apostolic successors
 - a. Acts 1:15-26 (Selection of Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot)
 - b. 1 Timothy 4:14 (Ordination of Timothy)
4. Saint John Vianney: “If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die not of fright but of love. . . . The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.”
5. New Testament terms for Christian ministers
 - a. *Episkopos*: Overseer, bishop
 - b. *Presbuteros*: Elder, presbyter
 - i. Used interchangeably with *episkopos*: Acts 20:17-28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 5:17; Titus 1:5-11
 - ii. Not *hiereus* (priest)

- c. *Diakonos*: Servant, deacon
6. Elements (Ordinary minister, matter, form)
 7. Indelible character
 8. Degrees of Holy Orders (See *Lumen Gentium*, Chapter III: Articles 18-29 and *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1554-1571)
 - a. Bishop
 - i. Fullness of Holy Orders
 - ii. College of bishops with pontiff as head
 - b. Presbyter
 - i. Co-workers of bishops
 - ii. Sharers in priestly ministry
 - c. Deacon
 - i. Co-workers of bishops
 - ii. Ministry of service
 9. Exclusively male priesthood