

*The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king.
Catechism of the Catholic Church 1546*

The priest is a person who represents mankind to God and who offers sacrifices. The sacrifices that we, as lay people, offer to God are our prayers, our penances and, most importantly, our participation at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. List the ways you act out this anointing in your life. _____

The prophet is a person who stands up for the truth. All Christians need to learn and know the truth about God and His Church so they can tell it to others. When was the last time you spoke out God's truth? What were the circumstances? _____

Jesus is the King who came to serve. We share in His Kingship by serving others, especially the poor and needy (John 13:12-17; Philippians 2:5-11). How do you exercise your role as king? _____

Which of these roles do you find yourself fulfilling most at this time of your life? Why?

The Grace and Responsibility of Confirmation

The sacrament of confirmation gives the Christian the grace and strength to follow and to imitate Jesus Christ (CCC 1303). And we know that to whom much is given much is required (Luke 12:47-49). As Christians we share in Jesus' anointing as priest, prophet and king (CCC 1268). We must, therefore, be faithful to live up to these roles.



Priest

All Christians are part of God's royal priesthood. A priest is a person who represents man to God and who offers sacrifices. The sacrifices that we, as lay people, offer to God are our prayers, our penances and, most importantly, our participation at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Prophet

The prophet is a person who stands up for the truth. All Christians need to learn and know the truth about Church so they can tell it to others.



King

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