



## **Web Resources on Priesthood and Catholic Faith**

***"You are a Priest forever." Psalm 110***

Listed below is a good start for the many resources available to Catholics about the priesthood and the Catholic Faith. This is not meant to be a comprehensive resource, but is meant as a guide for your further exploration into the teachings and practices of the Catholic Faith, especially in regards to the Priesthood.

Note: Be sure to cross check information about the Catholic church found on all sites with Official Church teachings found in the Holy Bible, Papal Documents, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, USCCB Documents (with the Imprimatur), or Code of Canon Law. All the sites listed below have been viewed by the Vocation Office to be doctrinally safe.

### **Catholic Encyclopedia Articles:**

- <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12409a.htm> - Priesthood
- <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03481a.htm> - Celibacy of the Clergy
- <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11279a.htm> - Holy Orders
- <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04647c.htm> - Deacons

### **Catechism:**

- <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/pt2sect2chpt3.shtml#art6> – Article 6 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on Holy Orders.
- [http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium\\_ccc/documents/archive\\_2005\\_compendium-ccc\\_en.html#The%20Sacraments%20at%20the%20Service%20of%20Communion%20and%20Mission](http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html#The%20Sacraments%20at%20the%20Service%20of%20Communion%20and%20Mission) – Part 2, Sec. 2, Chapter 3 of the *Compendium* on Holy Orders.

### **Celibacy:**

- <http://www.catholicchronicle.org/content/view/389/> - Article written by Bishop Leonard Blair of Toledo.
- [http://www.catholic.com/library/Celibacy\\_and\\_the\\_Priesthood.asp](http://www.catholic.com/library/Celibacy_and_the_Priesthood.asp) - Article with Imprimatur from Bishop Brom.
- <http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/facts/fm0014.html> - Catholic Education Resource Center on Refutations of 5 Arguments Against Celibacy.
- <http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/sexuality/se0114.html> - Article written by Christopher West on JP II's Theology of the Body.
- [http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/women\\_celibacy.shtml](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/women_celibacy.shtml) - Article by Archbishop Pilarczyk on Priestly Celibacy.

### **Male-only Priesthood**

- <http://www.ewtn.com/library/curia/cdfinsig.htm> - *Inter Insigniores* - Declaration on the Admission of Women to the Ministerial Priesthood by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1976.
- [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/apost\\_letters/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_apl\\_22051994\\_ordinatio-sacerdotalis\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_22051994_ordinatio-sacerdotalis_en.html) - *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* - Pope John Paul II On Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone.
- [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/audiences/alpha/data/aud19940727en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/audiences/alpha/data/aud19940727en.html) - Pope John Paul II General Audience on Women and the Ministerial Priesthood.
- <http://www.archny.org/media/files-seminary/Mar7dunwoodie.doc> - Article by Sr. Sara Bulter, M.S.B.T., "Women's Ordination: Is it Still an Issue?" Examines the claims for women's ordination and why the Church is not free to change the doctrine.
- <http://catholiceducation.org/articles/apologetics/ap0001.html> - Article by Joanne Bogle – "Women Priests – No chance."

### **Vestments:**

- <http://www.osv.com/Portals/0/images/pdf/Vestments.pdf> - Brief descriptions of various priestly vestments.
- <http://www.angelqueen.org/mass/vestments.shtml> - Basic vestments with historical descriptions, vesting prayers and description of colors.
- <http://www.catholicdoors.com/courses/roman.htm> - Many other priestly vestments along with a quiz at the end.

### **Role of the Laity in the Church**

- [http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19641121\\_lumen-gentium\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html) - *Lumen Gentium* promulgated by Pope Paul VI.
- [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/audiences/alpha/data/aud19931215en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/audiences/alpha/data/aud19931215en.html) - Pope John Paul II General Audience on The Laity Share in the Priesthood of Christ.
- <http://www.ignatius.com/cfe/documents/Disciples%20web%20pages.pdf> – Article from *Today's Disciples* on the role of the Essential Role of the Laity.
- <http://www.siena.org/library/ssspr98/roles.html> - Fr. Michael B. Sweeney, OP explains the differences between the Common and Ministerial priesthood and their roles.
- <http://www.daughtersofstpaul.com/growinginfaith/basicqas/sacraments/holyorders131.html> - Question and Answer Document by the Daughters of St. Paul on all aspects of the Priesthood.

### **St. John Vianney**

- [http://www.sjvdenver.edu/\\_metadot\\_/attachment/download/60661](http://www.sjvdenver.edu/_metadot_/attachment/download/60661) - On page 53 of this document there is a fantastic article on St. John Vianney written by the current Bishop of Belley-Ars in France.
- <http://www.fisheaters.com/holyorders2.html> - St. John Vianney's words on the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
- <http://www.catholicsun.org/bishop/080609bishop.html> - Bishop Olmstead of Phoenix writes a series on the Patron of Priests.
- <http://www.domestic-church.com/CONTENT.DCC/19980701/SAINTS/VIANNEY.HTM> - a brief description of St. John Vianney for various age levels. Great resource for parents who want to teach their children about him.
- <http://www.osv.com/YearforPriestsNav/YearforPriests/StJohnVianney/tabid/7780/Default.aspx> - Another link to the life of St. John Vianney. Check out their Year for Priests Links as well.

### **Catholic Games:**

- <http://www.memorare.com/games/cardgames.html> - Card Games to teach catechetical lessons.
- <http://www.ewtn.com/ewtnkids/> - Interactive website for kids ages 4-12.

### **General Catholic Websites:**

- [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) – Official website of the Vatican – contains all Papal Encyclicals, letters, homilies and public addresses in addition to Council documents and up to date news from the Holy See.
  - o [www.vatican.va/special/anno\\_sac/index\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/special/anno_sac/index_en.html) - Special section of Vatican Website on the Year for Priests.
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) – Website of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops – contains links and articles on official church teachings, and other relevant and useful Catholic information.
  - o <http://www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/> - A special section on the USCCB site for the Year for Priests.
- [www.cincinnati vocations.org](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org) – Official website of the Cincinnati Vocation Office with information about the priesthood and numerous links to religious orders and other Catholic websites.
- [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org) – Official website of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org) – Online version of Catholic Encyclopedia and St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* as well as writings of the Early Church Fathers and recent articles on various aspects of the current Catholic world.
- [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com) – Catholic Answers Live.
- [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) – Catholic News, information on saints, and much more.
- [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) – Eternal Word Television Network official website. Archived videos of regular program, live TV and Radio. Faith section for information about the Catholic faith, apologetics and prayers of the Church.
- [www.wf-f.org](http://www.wf-f.org) – Women for Faith and Family – great resource for helping build the domestic Church. Geared toward and written for women, but good material for all Catholics.
- [www.catholiceducation.org](http://www.catholiceducation.org) – Catholic Education Recourse Center.
- [www.catholicexchange.com](http://www.catholicexchange.com) – Great Catholic articles on various aspects of the catholic faith and up to date news coverage.
- [www.catholic-kids.com](http://www.catholic-kids.com) – A good resource for ideas on how to share the Catholic faith with children with lots of good links to other Catholic sites.
- [www.catholicparenting.com](http://www.catholicparenting.com) – Full of ideas on how to build up the domestic Church in any household. In addition to lots of great links, it also has a good book section for various aspects of raising Catholic children.

### **Resources on the Lives of the Saints:**

- <http://www.catholic.org/saints>
- <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints>
- <http://www.magnificat.ca/cal/engl/liste-sts.htm>
- [http://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/liturgy/saints/index\\_saints-blesseds\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/index_saints-blesseds_en.html)
- *The Golden Legend<sup>1</sup> Vol. 1* (ISBN: 0691001537) by Jacobus de Voragine
- *The Golden Legend Vol. 2* (ISBN: 0691001545) by Jacobus de Voragine
- *Modern Saints: Their Lives and Their Faces, Vol. 1 and 2* (ISBN: 0895552221) by Ann Ball
- *Saints Behaving Badly* (ISBN: 9780385517201) by Thomas J. Craughwell
- *Saints for Every Occasion* (ISBN: 9781580870597) by Thomas Craughwell
- *Lives of the Saints for Every Day of the Year* (ISBN: 0895555301) by Alan Butler
- *Loyola Kids Book of Saints* (ISBN: 0895555301) by Amy Welborn
- *Loyola Kids Book of Heroes* (ISBN: 082941584X) by Amy Welborn

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/golden000.htm>