

# Sacraments of service

## FOCUS

1. The Catholic Church celebrates Holy Orders as a sacrament at the service of communion. It includes 3 degrees - Bishops, priests and deacons.
2. Bishops, priests and deacons act in the person of Christ, leading worship, administering the sacraments, guiding and sanctifying the Church.
3. Marriage involves the unconditional and total lifelong self-giving of each spouse to the other.
4. The Our Father is the prayer Jesus taught us.

*In these lessons your child may have:*

- identified symbols and rituals associated with the sacraments of service;
- listed some of the ways a parish priest serves the Church and wider community;
- considered and suggested the qualities needed for a marriage relationship and for family life;
- discussed the symbols and rituals associated with a marriage ceremony;
- recalled occasions when they have prayed and discussed the nature of their prayers;
- listened and responded to the prayer Jesus taught us – the *Our Father*.

### John 13:3-9, 12-16

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

### 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

### Matthew 6:8-15

"You should pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us. And do not put us to the test, but save us from the evil one. Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive yours; but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either.'"

## SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

The following are suggested activities for you to do with your child.

1. Talk with your child about marriage, the actual ceremony and the happiness and joy you have shared in married life.
2. Look at your photo albums. Talk with your child about the married couples in them.
3. Discuss the role of your parish priest and what he does for your parish.
4. Pray the Our Father together as a family.
5. Write a prayer of praise or thanksgiving for all the good that happens in your family.
6. Choose one of the psalms from the Book of Psalms and read it together as a family and discuss what you think the author is saying.
7. More activities can be found at [www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au) Click on **Home Activities**.

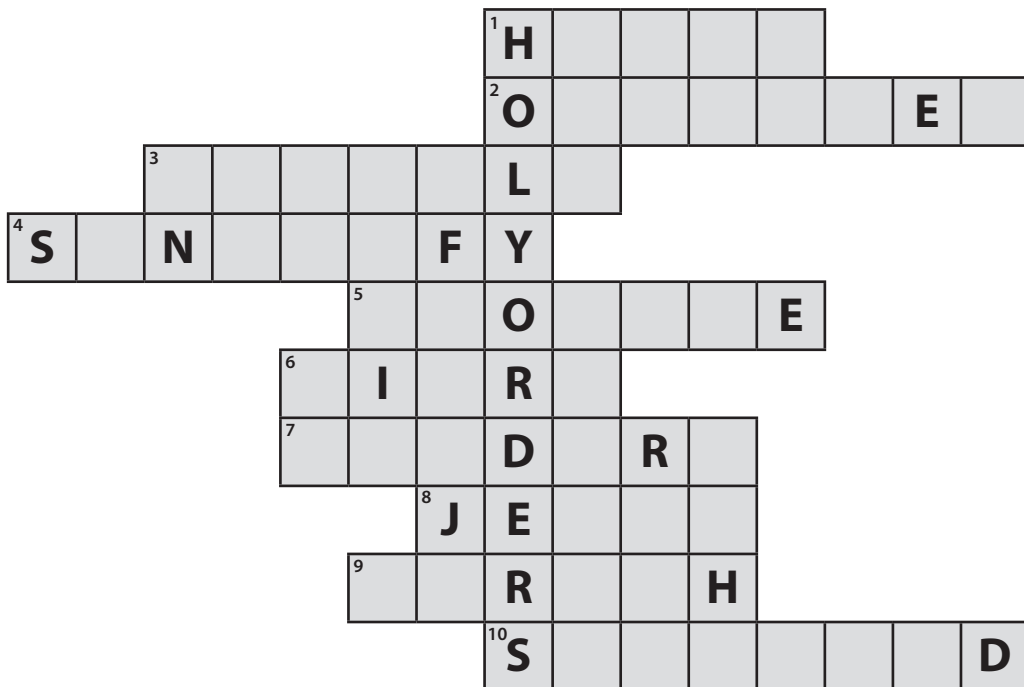
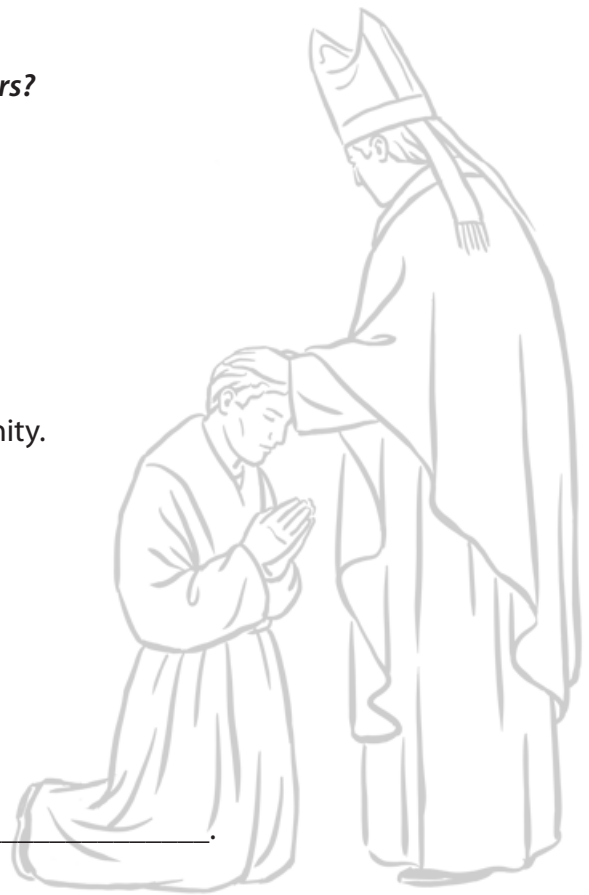


## TO REMEMBER:

*Marriage calls a man and woman to love and serve God, each other and their children.*

• **How well do you remember the sacrament of Holy Orders?**

1. Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained with the laying on of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Only baptised men can be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. At ordination a deacon is presented with a book of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Bishops, priests, and deacons celebrate the sacraments to \_\_\_\_\_ the Catholic community.
5. A bishop is usually responsible for a region called a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The special hat worn by a bishop is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Bishops and priests are teachers and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Catholic Church.
8. Bishops, priests and deacons serve us in the name of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Priests are usually involved in a local area called a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. A bishop carries a staff, reminding us that like Jesus he is a \_\_\_\_\_ of our community.



**Dear Jesus, bless all married couples and families.  
 Help them to grow in self-giving love and to be open to the  
 graces you give them so that they can grow in holiness. Amen.**