

TREASURES of OUR FAITH  
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Greetings brothers and sisters. As we go through this 'Year of Faith', each week we will take a journey together to deepen and rediscover our faith as Catholic Christians. We will take time to look at the rich traditions of our Church, we'll look at what certain things signify and their symbolism, take time to answer some frequently asked questions and look at why we do certain things as Catholics. This week we'll look at the term Priest, Prophet and King.

The Catechism teaches that by our baptism we share in the priesthood of Christ, in His prophetic and royal mission. Baptism gives us a share in the common priesthood of all believers. (CCC)  
What this means for us in a practical way is that as men and women of faith, our responsibility is to give witness to our faith in the way that we live our lives every day and everywhere. We are called to be...

**Priest** - Offering Sacrifice. We all share in Christ's priesthood, enabling us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God, and to join ourselves to the offering of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Prophet** – Teaching and Speaking Out. All of us are called to spread the Gospel, by our lives through our actions or by our words. We are called to speak out about injustices that we encounter in the world.

**King** - Serving. Christ is the perfect King, the kingship of Christ is one of service. Jesus was a servant king who served the poor and the marginalized, He expressed and modeled the importance of treating all people with dignity. A true king is one that does not sit on a throne and rule, a true king serves and ministers to all in need. When we perform works of mercy and charity, we are serving others as Christ does.

As Christian men and women, we are given certain gifts and talents from God, and we then have a responsibility to put those gifts into the service of others, just as Jesus modeled for us in so many ways.