

Be a Priest, Prophet and King in your home

Objective: At your baptism you were marked with oil as a sign that you are consecrated to God and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Your anointing also was a sign that you are joined to Christ and share in his threefold mission as prophet, priest, and king. Is this mission still relevant today? Are we living up to this responsibility in our family and community?

Song Suggestion: We are Many Parts (Blue 510, Red 727)

Bible & Catechisms Readings:

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Catechism 783

Jesus Christ is the one whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and established as priest, prophet, and king. The whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them.²⁰⁸

NOTE: See Catechism readings 784, 785 & 786 for expanded thoughts on this

Saint: St. Stephen I of Hungary

Ruler from 1001–1038, he is considered the first King of Hungary. Not only a king but an attentive father, writing to his son the following: *“My dearest son, if you desire to honor the royal crown, I advise, I counsel, I urge you above all things to maintain the Catholic and Apostolic faith with such diligence and care that you may be an example for all those placed under you by God, and that all the clergy may rightly call you a man of true Christian profession.”*

Vignette: – Pete feels like he has a very good relationship with Christ; he sets a good example for his children, and he and his wife have always been unified on the importance of the family’s Catholic faith. He has never made a serious effort to delve deep into the study of philosophy, theology, church history etc. or even the Catechism of the Catholic Church. He seldom has felt the need. He is convinced that being a good husband and father and setting a good example is enough. Is that true, or is he simply not willing to put forth the effort required to really learn the faith and fill the role of priest, prophet and king in his own home?

Questions for Large and Small Group Discussion:

Do you really feel that you are priest, prophet and king in your home? Why/Why not?

Do you really feel that you should be priest, prophet and king in your home or is that an outdated notion?

What is your responsibility to your community and are you willing to act on it? (Philippians 2:4)

If you ever had to fill the role of priest, prophet and king do you feel qualified and/or prepared to do it? (2 Timothy 2:15)

Does fear of how you will be received keep you from fulfilling this role at home?

Action Plan:

It is abundantly clear that the world needs good men to step up and fulfill their God given mission as Priest, Prophet and King. There are many good men in our own parish community but how many are hiding their light under a bushel?

- What do you need to do to fulfill your role?

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- Is there something specific in your life you need to change to help you in this mission?

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- What action/actions will you take this week?

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