



WHY ARE PRIESTS IMPORTANT IN THE CHURCH?



#254 What happens in priestly ordination? In priestly ordination the Bishop calls down God's power upon the candidates for ordination. It imprints upon the souls of these men an indelible seal that can never be lost. As a collaborator with his bishop, the Priest will proclaim the Word of God, administer the sacraments, and, above all, celebrate the Holy Eucharist. During the celebration of a Holy Mass, the actual ordination of priests begins when the candidates are called by name. After the bishop's homily, the future priest promises obedience to the bishop and his successors. The actual ordination takes place through the imposition of the bishop's hands and his prayer.

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Blessed Pedro asua mendia

Blessed Pedro Asua was ultimately martyred for the simple fact that he was a priest. He had a great love for architecture and could have been happy with his contribution to humanity being his buildings which are still famous in Spain today. But he wanted to help people know God and bring them the sacraments so he became a priest.

Bishop James Walsh

Bishop James Walsh was a dedicated and holy man. Not only did he love being a priest and spreading God's word in the US but he wanted to help reach even more souls and started a missionary order of priests. Thousands of priests have worked in foreign missions and helped people all over the world because of his organization.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

Then Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."

— Luke 22: 14-20

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: