

# UNIT L – YEAR 5

## MARRIAGE & HOLY ORDERS

### ABOUT THE UNIT

This unit is designed to help children understand that Marriage and Holy Orders are important Sacraments of Commitment in the Church. It will also help them appreciate that everybody has some responsibility and part to play in the life of the Church.

### WHERE THE UNIT FITS IN

This unit builds on previous work in Year 4 about roles and responsibilities in the Church.

### PRIOR LEARNING

It would be helpful if children have:

- some knowledge of the work of a Priest
- some knowledge of other responsibilities in the Church.

### SKILLS

Discussion skills, research skills, thinking skills, reference skills, interpreting symbols.

### VOCABULARY

Responsibility, Body of Christ, Archbishop, Priest, deacon, Holy Orders, Sacrament, promises, laying on of hands.

### ASSESSMENT

**At the end of this unit:**

**Most children will** know that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of Commitment. Recall the promises made in Marriage and key tasks of the Archbishop, Priests and deacons. Explain the meaning of the Body of Christ as a term for roles and responsibilities in the Church.

**Less able children will** know that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of Commitment. Be able to talk about roles and responsibilities of a Bishop, Priest and deacon.

**More able children will** be able to explain the meaning of the promises made at Marriage and why the roles of Bishops, Priests and deacons are important in the life of the Church, Be able to recall a number of different ways in which people contribute to the life of the Church through the roles and responsibilities they embrace.

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| <p><b>C2</b> Be able to name the Sacrament of Holy Orders and be able to explain its significance.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the prayer of Tobias and Sarah on the eve of their Marriage in the Book of Tobit.</li> <li>• What are some of the things they ask God to do for them?</li> <li>• What does this prayer teach us about Marriage?</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Married people play their part in the Family of God and so do other people such as bishops, priests and deacons. They receive a special Sacrament so that they can play their part in the life of the Church. This is called the Sacrament of Holy Orders.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research information about the Archbishop of Birmingham</li> <li>• Where does he live? How long has he been the Archbishop?</li> <li>• You might find his Coat of Arms. What does his motto mean?</li> <li>• Explain to the children that a bishop has the responsibility of teaching and preaching the Gospel of Christ and the Catholic Faith and caring for God's people in an area of the country called a diocese.</li> <li>• Find out about some of the vestments that the Archbishop has to wear. The Mitre as a sign of his responsibility to teach and preach. The Crozier as a sign that he is called to care for God's people like Christ who is the Good Shepherd. The Pastoral Ring is a sign that he has a special love and commitment to caring for God's people. The Pallium is a piece of woven wool which the Archbishop wears over his vestments at Mass around his shoulders. This was given to him by the Pope who is the Bishop of Rome. It is a reminder that he has been given special responsibility in the Church and that he is a successor to the first Apostles in caring for God's people and in preaching the Gospel.</li> <li>• The Archbishop's church is called a Cathedral. Find out the name of the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Birmingham</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brainstorm some of the things that the local priest does.</li> <li>• Explain to the children that he is appointed by the Archbishop to care for God's people, to teach the Gospel and the Catholic Faith in an area called a parish. Usually a town or part of a bigger city.</li> <li>• Find out about what happens at the ordination of a priest.</li> <li>• Explain that the laying on of hands and the calling down of the Holy Spirit are signs of the person being chosen to serve in the Church as a priest.</li> <li>• Recall previous learning in Year Four about the hands of the new priest being anointed with the Oil of Chrism. This is a sign that he has been chosen to continue Christ's work in a special way.</li> <li>• Children to create a storyboard of the ordination ceremony.</li> <li>• Learn about some of the vestments worn by the priest at the celebration of</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know that marriage is a special form of commitment and service</li> <li>• Understand something of the importance of the promises made.</li> <li>• Be able to sequence the rite of marriage and explore some references about marriage in the Old Testament.</li> </ul><br><p><b>C2</b> That the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a special form of commitment and service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know that some members of the Church have special roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>• Know some details of the work of the Archbishop of Birmingham.</li> <li>• Understand that he has a special task of caring for God's people in the diocese.</li> <li>• Be able to name and explain some of the symbols and vestments of a bishop and what they mean.</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know some of the roles and responsibilities of a priest.</li> <li>• Understand that priest hood is a special vocation in the life of the Church.</li> <li>• Identify some of the vestments worn by the priest at the celebration of Mass.</li> </ul> | <p>This might be an appropriate time to visit the Cathedral Church of St. Chad in Birmingham.</p> |

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| <p><b>Ch7</b> God's call to individuals and their different responses.</p> | <p>Mass. The alb, the stole a sign of being a priest and the chasuble.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect with the children on the role of the priest in the local parish. If there were no priests what would happen? What important task do they fulfil in the Church today?</li> <li>• Invite your priest to the class for question and answer session with the children.</li> <li>• Children to practice note taking skills in order to write up an account of the visit later.</li> <li>• Recall previous learning in Year Four about "vocation" being a call from God to follow him in a special way.</li> <li>• Remind the children that being a priest today is a vocation, answering a call to follow Christ and serve the Church in a special way.</li> <li>• Create some prayers for vocations to the priesthood.</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the role of the deacon in the life of the Church. Have the children an experience of a parish deacon? What tasks do they undertake?</li> <li>• Explain to the children that a deacon is ordained to serve in a local community, helping the priest to care for God's people and sharing in the task of celebrating some of the Sacraments.</li> <li>• Explain that a deacon is ordained into this ministry like the priest through the laying on of hands and the calling down of the Holy Spirit. If you have a deacon in your parish, invite them to talk to the children about their work.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Ch 7</b> Of Christian responsibility for the sign we give and the Church's mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know some of the roles and responsibilities of a deacon in the life of the Church.</li> <li>• Understand that they are called to serve God's Family in a special way.</li> </ul> |                     |

## **RELATED SCRIPTURE**

*1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 27 – The Body of Christ*

*Tobit 8: 5 – 8 – The Wedding Prayer of Tobias and Sarah*

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

- Recall prayer in the Mass for our Archbishop.
- Make prayers of intercession for the Archbishop, our Priests and deacons.
- Ask St. Chad and Our Lady, the patrons of the diocese to pray for you.
- Pray for other people who have special responsibility in the Church.

## **OTHER LINKS**

History links: Find out about the significance of a Cathedral in the life of a Diocese.

Research information about the origins of St. Chad's Cathedral.

Diocese links: Find the Coat of Arms for the Diocese. Find out the area of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Research information about the life and work of The Archbishop of Birmingham.

## **EVALUATION**

**What went well?**

**Which areas of planning need to be developed/adapted next time?**

**What needs to be revisited/developed in a later unit?**