



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX

**St. Mary's / St.
Boniface
Vision Statement**

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
COMMUNITA



St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX

**Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., Parochial Administrator, and
Donald Brown, Deacon**

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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General Information

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least six months prior to wedding date

RCIA

contact Florence Anderle @ 423-6310 or 423-6271

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Reconciliation

St. Boniface – By Appointment

St. Mary's - Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. or by appointment

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent

Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Mass Schedule for the Week

- Monday 7: 00 pm** **November 24 - St. Mary's**
Living and Deceased Members of the 4th
Degree Knights of Columbus
- Tuesday 7:30 am** † **November 25 – St. Boniface**
Dorothy McDonald by Bernice & Family
- Wednesday 7:00 pm:** † **November 26 - St. Mary's**
Leona Schlumpf by Bernard Scheffes
- Thursday 9:00 am:** **THANKSGIVING DAY**
November 27 – St. Mary's
Living & Deceased Members of the Paul &
Theresa Himmels Family by Helen Berend
and Family
- Friday 9:00 am:** † **November 28 - St. Mary's**
Donnie Schreiber by Geraldine Lindemann
- Saturday 5:00 pm:** † **November 29– St. Mary's**
Virgil Koetter by Family
- 7:00 pm:** † **November 29– St. Mary's**
A. R. Lindeman by K. of C's (Spanish Mass)
- Sunday 8:15 am:** **November 30- St. Boniface**
Parishioners
- Sunday 10:00 am:** † **November 30 - St. Mary's**
Henry Ostermann by Joyce Ostermann

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
November 24, 2014 – November 30, 2014

HOSPITALITY

Thurs. 9:00 am Sherry Berend & Gladys Wolf
Sat. 5:00 pm Doug & Betty Wolf
Sun. 10:00 am David & Sis Green

LECTORS

Mon. 7:00 pm Jerry Anderle
Wed. 7:00 pm Gina Wolf
Thur. 9:00 am Michael Schroeder & Karen McCann
Fri. 7:25 am Chandler King
Sat. 5:00 pm Judy Koetter & Gina Wolf
Sun. 10:00 am Weston Schlumpf & Bailey Schlumpf

SERVERS

Wed. 7:00 pm Hannah Anderle, MacKenzie & Colby Wolf
Thur. 9:00 am Landry Vieth, Brenna & Madelyn Anderle
Fri. 7:25 am Gavin Steinberger, Kyle Wolf
Sat. 5:00 pm Gage & Gavin Steinberger, Maclain Bowen

Sun. 10:00 am Emily & Nathan McCann, Tagan Doyal

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Thurs. 9:00 am Deb Schreiber/Hosts, Whitney Schreiber/Hosts, Sherry Berend/Choir Hosts
Sat. 5:00 pm Jerry Anderle/Hosts, Beth Geis/Hosts, Mitzi Veitenheimer/Choir Hosts
Sun. 10:00 am Mark Veitenheimer/Hosts, Kristi Veitenheimer/Hosts, Kaitlyn Veitenheimer Choir/Hosts

USHERS

Thurs. 9:00 am Alfred Berend, Terry Schroeder, Gary Wolf, Donnie Fleitman
Sat. 5:00 pm Alfred Berend, Eddie Luig, M. J. Geis, Doug Wolf
Sun. 10:00 am Terry Schroeder, Trey Berend, Jay Meurer, Adam Wolf

GIFT BEARERS

Thurs. 9:00 am Ushers
Sat. 5:00 pm James Vieth Jr. Family
Sun. 10:00 am Tommy Schlumpf III Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Mon. Nov. 24th Leroy Anderle, Bill Veith, Bernard Scheffe

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS:

November 30th Mary Wolf & Marsha Anderle
December 7th Marsha Frazier & Kayla Anderle

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK

November 30th Leon & Melinda Schneider

SUPPORT- Sunday Envelopes \$4402.33, Loose \$474.00, Children \$14.75, Building Fund \$45.00.

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,
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HOSPITALITY

Sun. 8:15 am Bertha Mae Schenk & Sis Smith

LECTOR

Sun. 8:15 am Pat Hemmi

SERVERS

Sun. 8:15 am Landon & Abby Brown, Trey Schenk

USHERS

Sun. 8:15 am Bernard Hilbers, A. J. Schreiber

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

(Note: Since we are not receiving the Precious Blood, we only need two extra Ministers of Communion.) If Deacon Brown is at Mass then only one Minister is needed. Due to the lack of space, only two will be distributing downstairs that is Father, and the Deacon or a Minister. One minister will be assigned to go to the Choir only.

Sun. 8:15 Grady Schenk Jr. help Father, Rhoda Schenk to the Choir.

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 8:15 am Robert J. Krahl Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun. Nov. 30th Donna Tettleton, Arthur Hemmi, Kenneth Veitenheimer

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$1385.00, Loose \$131.00, Children \$6.00.

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn in memory of James Meurer as requested by Dorothy and family.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Craig & Jamie Anderle will receive the Chalice on **November 30th** at the 10:00 am. Mass. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

12-7 Brian & Andrea Anderle Family 10:00 am Mass
 12-13 Chuck & Mitzi Veitenheimer 5:00 pm Mass

NOTE: Mass will be Monday evening, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meet **Monday, November 24th** after Mass.

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING THANKSGIVING – Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th at St. Mary's. Parishioners from both parishes are encouraged to attend Mass to give thanks for all the blessings that God has given us. **At that time, we will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Also, a collection will be taken up for the needy. There will be a special blessing for bread and wine at this Mass.** If anybody would like to bring bread and/or wine that will be used at their meals please do so. A special table will be set up for this purpose in the front of church. You may pick up your bread and wine after the Mass.

Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 28th. Please make note of this.

SACRISTANS NEEDED for St. Mary's and St. Boniface Masses. Please call the office if you are interested. Training will be provided.

LECTORS – The new Lector Workbooks are in the sacristy. Lectors, please pick up your copy. The readings start the first Sunday of Advent. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY – November 26, 2014

Adoration 6 pm

Confessions 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. or by appointment

Mass and Novena 7 pm

CONFESSIONS: The annual Advent Penance Service will be held on **Thursday, December 4th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's and St. Boniface. There will be no more confessions on Wednesday evenings after this date. **There will be other Advent Penance Services in the area throughout December. Fr. Michael will help at most of these.** Confessions are always available by appointment. Please call the office at 423-6687 for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael. Beginning the first week of January, 2015, **confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoons from 4:00 PM until 4:40 PM.** Mass begins at 5:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 23 - 2nd Grade Reconciliation 6:00 pm.

Nov. 24 – Reconciliation for 7th Grade 7:25 am.

Nov. 24 – All bulletin notices due by noon

Nov. 26 - 10th Grade C.C. D. 5:30 pm

Nov. 26 - 9th Grade C.C.D. 5:45 pm

Nov. 26 - Jr. Sr. Bible Study 5:45 pm

Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am

WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS meet **Tuesday, November 25th** in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and 1:00 p.m. for games. For more information call Barbara @423-6476 or Margaret @423-6336.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY Meetings, (Baptismal Classes, Bible Study, etc. etc.) can be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Convent. For more information please call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183.

ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT—will burn this week in thanksgiving for all our many blessings and for a Happy Thanksgiving to Father Michael and all the parishioners of St. Boniface as requested by the Altar Society.

CHALICE FOR VOCATION: **Kenneth Veitenheimer Family** will receive the Chalice on **November 30th** at the **8:15 a.m.** Mass. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

12-7 Grady & Rhoda Schenk Family
12-14 Bill & Pat Hemmi

TODAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD !!! Scotland Branch #36 of Catholic Life Insurance Union is serving donuts, coffee and orange juice after today's (November 23) 8:15 AM Mass in the K. C. Hall Meeting Room. All parishioners are invited.

LECTORS – The new Lector Workbooks are in the sacristy. Lectors, please pick up your copy. The readings start the first Sunday of Advent. Thank you.

ROSARY FOR RAIN AND PATRIOTIC ROSARY will not be held this Thanksgiving Day but will resume the next Thursday on December 4th. Thanks and continue to pray for a bountiful rain.

ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS; For Leroy Campbell, Jr. for health and healing, love Aunt Geraldine; For Valera Campbell, 11-14-14, Happy 100th Birthday in heaven, I love and miss you by Geraldine; In memory of my dad on the occasion of my parents wedding anniversary by Rhoda Schenk and Family, For recovery from surgery Ladonna Moren by the Christian Mothers; Health & Welfare of Anthony Schenk by Lloyd & Rita; Special Intention by Donor; For Special Intentions by Donor; Intention by Donor; For Peace, Our Members by St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society; Living & Deceased Members & Relatives of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36.

13 TUESDAYS NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA began **Tuesday September 2nd** after the morning Mass. Please join us as we offer our prayers to St. Anthony for 13 weeks immediately following Mass on Tuesdays led by Father Michael. Only a few more weeks are left in this novena service.

ST. BONIFACE ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE will be held on **Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.** There will be no more confessions on Wednesday evenings after this date. **There will be other Advent Penance Services in the area throughout December. Fr. Michael will help at most of these.** Confessions are always available by appointment. Please call the office at 423-6687 for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH – Many thanks to David McDonald for his generous donation to St. Boniface Church in memory of Dorothy McDonald. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE- will be in the home of **Bernice Hoegger** the week of **November 30th**. She is asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

12-7 Bertha Mae Schenk

12-14 Lloyd & Rita Schreiber

PLEASE NOTE: All bulletin notices need to be in the church office by noon on Monday, November 24th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks for your cooperation. The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th & 28th. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

SICK CALL VISITS – Father Michael will be making sick calls to local parishioners of both parishes (God willing) on the First Friday of each month. Please call office if you are in need of his visit.

APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL – If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND – November 22/23 is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** Your contribution will help those living on the margins of our society with help to improve education, housing situations and economic development.

ADORATION – Bishop Olson has requested that all parishes have an hour of adoration to **pray for vocations**. **The 3rd Wednesday of the month** has been designated the best time for this. The adoration hour will be for the intention of an increase in priestly and religious vocations. We encourage everyone to come pray for vocations.

C.C.D. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is scheduled for **Sunday, December 7, 2014** in the church. This includes grades KN through 8th grade. Time will be at **6:30 p.m.**

Freshman Religion class **Wednesday, November 26** in the Parish Hall Classroom from 5:45 – 6:45. (Gina Wolf & Susan Veitenheimer, Leaders)

Sophomores (Confirmation) meet **Wednesday, November 26** in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. (Brian & Andrea Anderle, Jerry Anderle & Mary Wolf, Leaders)

Juniors and Seniors will meet **Wednesday, November 26** in the Convent at 5:45 p.m. (Shelley Schlumpf, Leader)

C.C.D. NOTE: Just a reminder if you haven't paid for the religion books please send it with your child to the religion teacher. The prices for Kindergarten and 6th grade religion books are \$14.00, and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades the price is \$20.00. (Half price for religion teacher's children's books.)

JUST A REMINDER – The address for St. Mary's and St. Boniface is P.O. Box 230, Windthorst, TX, 76389. It has come to our attention that mailings to the physical address are relatively slower getting to us. Thanks for your consideration.

PREVENTING THE FLU AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. Good health habits can help stop germs, in addition to receiving the flu shot if you are able.

- 1. Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- 2. Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- 3. Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- 4. Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often with soap and water is most effective (Center for Disease Control-Atlanta).
- 5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.
- 6. Practice other good health habits.** Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Let us continue to pray for our communities and the families that are affected by influenza and other communicable diseases.

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

READINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, November 30, are attached to the bulletin this week. Fr. Michael has recommended that one read them before the week-end Mass.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Della Rose Allen, James Allen, Zack Andrus, Andy Berend, Bernadine Berend, Leann Berend, Nellie Berend, John Brenneis, Deacon Don Brown, Helen Brown, Zac Bynum, Maria Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, José Colchado, Vicky Crow, Berta Lou Eaves, Karen Edge, Marlene Ermis, Jeanne Fischer, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Larry Geyer, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Margie Hagues, Helen Ann Hemmi, Stephen Hilbers, Margie Himmels, Billie Hoff, Cathy Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Bill Hoffman, Chris Hogue, Beth Holovak, Carol Hudak, Libby Ingram, Gary Julian, Steve Kamal, Dale Keen, **Arthur Litteken**, Shirley Litteken, Karen Lowe, Brian Lucore, **Kyler Marlar**, Helen Martinka, Kathleen Moer, Kaden Moisant, Clyde Morbitzer, Mary Morbitzer, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Lena Ostermann, Tracie Pace; Rita Pearson, Troy Pennartz, John Rife, Terry Shefflett, Cassey Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Harold Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Pauline Schreiber, Sister Barbara Schroeder, Joanna Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Richard Schroeder, Caroline Stallcup, Kate Talley, Johnny Teichman, Marie Teichman, Margaret Green Tift, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Frances Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Richard Wachsmann, Cindi Wagner, Sarah Witten, Dale Wolf, Dorthy Dell Wolf, Dorothy V. Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Ronnie Wolf, Sammy Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Missy Zotz. If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office. **Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST – Taylor Anderson (Air Force), Johnny Atchley (Air Force), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Jarrod Canada (Army), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), Sgt. Whitney Jeter (Marine), Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Staff Sgt. Chad Koetter (Air Force), Jared Mankins (Marine), Jess Martinez (Army), Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Hank Schenk (Air National Guard), Isaac Schenk (Army), Rock Schenk (Army), Colonel Tony Schenk (Air Force), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Sgt. Matt Turner (Air Force), Ben Veitenheimer (Navy), Jason Winter (Army), Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Union Branch #30 of Windthorst
and Branch #36 of Scotland**

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR RAIN

God our Creator, maker of all things and protector of your people, in your love look upon us in our time of need and give us your help. Open the heavens for us and send us the rain we need for our lives and crops. As our hearts long for you, so we seek rain to refresh the earth; as we long for life, so let the earth produce its harvest in abundance. May we rejoice in the good things of the earth and raise our eyes to you the source of all blessings. Hear our cry for mercy and answer our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: Very Special Intention for Family by Donor; For better health for Mom by Cletus & Darla; Ben Wolf's Safety by Grandma Wolf; Safety for all men and women who are protecting us and our Country, especially 1st Lt. Luke Grotelueschen by Tom & Leann; Tracie Pace by Mom & Dad; In Thanksgiving for a special intention by Floyd & Mildred; Happy Birthday Bertha, Intentions of Ernie & Jolene by George & Ida; Fr. Michael & Deacon Don, Robert & Edna Krahl, Lorine Wolf, Ann Veitenheimer, Safe travel for all those this Thanksgiving, In Thanksgiving for all our Blessings, All our deceased loved ones by Frank & Joyce; Jeanne, Terry, Chuck, Kyler, Father Michael, Deacon Brown & Helen, All the sick & shut-ins, Happy Birthday Bertha, For rain, Special Intention by Frances Hoffman; Ernie Prescher by Jolene; John Rife by Ernie & Jolene; Happy Birthday Aunt Bertha, Our Family by Charles & Glenda;
YEARLY LIGHTS: For the safety of all our military especially for Staff Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman and Capt. David Ogura, Samantha and Josephine by Grandmommy; In loving memory of deceased Hoffman, Schroeder & Eaves families by Berta Lou Eaves; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of My Family by Donor; For my family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; For my Family by Lena Ostermann; Our Family & Justin by Alfred & Cordella; Students of W.I.S.D. by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #296; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; For our Family by Henry & Mildred; For our Family & Clay's safety by James & Pat; For our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Ben's Safety by Mom & Dad; Dorothy Dell Wolf by Gene & Cathy; Robert and for my Family by Lorine Wolf; Floyd Humpert by Betty; Floyd Humpert Family by Betty Humpert; For our Military Personnel by V. F. W. Ladies Auxiliary; For my Family by Margaret Beaman; For Rusty, Shannon, Brad, Chuck, Janice, Tommy and all my departed loved ones, For all my Family, For all the sick, elderly and shut-ins of our parishes, For peace and for our beloved country and our brave military, In Thanksgiving for all my blessings and for all my dear friends who are so kind and helpful to me, For vocations and my special intention to Our Mother of Perpetual Help by Geraldine Lindemann; In memory of Elizabeth Schlumpf by Tommy & family; My Family by Elmer Schroeder; Living & Deceased Members

of the Charles & Mary Lindeman Family, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran & Brett Hoff by Benny Lindeman; My Family by Ann Veitenheimer, For our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber, Jr. by Agnes Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; +Janice Luig, +Ed & Catherine Luig, +Lois Luig, Geraldine Lindemann's health & well-being by Eddie Luig;- My Family by Shirley Williams; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSIONS FOR 2013

Contact Sacred Heart at 723-5288 or queen of Peace at 696-1253 to register and for confirmation of sessions and/or questions.

Initial Safe Environment Classes:

December 3	9:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Peace
December 11	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart

Update Safe Environment Classes:

Catechism in a Year

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.

What happens in diaconal ordination?

In diaconal ordination the candidate is appointed to a special service within the sacrament of Holy Orders. For he represents Christ as the one who came, "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28). In the liturgy of ordination we read: "As a minister of the Word, of the altar, and of charity (the deacon) will make himself a servant to all." The original model of the deacon is the martyr St. Stephen. When the apostles in the original Church of Jerusalem saw that they were overwhelmed by their many charitable duties, they appointed seven men "to serve tables", whom they then ordained. The first mentioned is Stephen: "full of grace and power", he accomplished much for the new faith and for the poor in the Christian community. Over the centuries the diaconate became merely a degree of Holy Orders on the way to the presbyterate, but today it is once again an independent vocation for both celibates and married men. On the one hand, this is supposed to reemphasize service as a characteristic of the Church; on the other hand, it helps the priests, as in the early Church, by establishing an order of ministers who take on particular pastoral and social duties of the Church. Diaconal ordination, too, makes a lifelong, irrevocable mark on the ordained man.

