



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is the Christian life meant to be lived out in community? What effect has the community of faith had on you?

2. Which aspect of the threefold mission of Priest, Prophet, and King do you think is easiest to live out? Which do you think is hardest? Why?

3. Who are your godparents? How have they impacted your faith? How do you see them impacting the faith of your child?

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"The whole Church is a priestly people. Through Baptism all the faithful share in the priesthood of Christ."

—CCC 1591



▶ PARENT/GODPARENT PROMISE

TO THE PARENT

At his or her Baptism, your child will be anointed with the Holy Spirit and receive the same calling and mission that Christ received: to be Priest, Prophet, and King. As parent, you will be the primary teacher and example for your child in his or her life of faith. It's a daunting task, but you are perfectly equipped for it; you have already received the anointing of the same Holy Spirit and been called into this same mission.

Consider the following words from St. John Paul II in his Apostolic Exhortation to the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People (*Christifideles Laici*):

"A new aspect to the grace and dignity coming from Baptism is here introduced: the lay faithful participate, for their part, in the threefold mission of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King.... Clearly we are the Body of Christ because we are all 'anointed' and in him are 'christs,' that is, 'anointed ones,' as well as Christ himself, 'The Anointed One.' In a certain way, then, it thus happens that with head and body the whole Christ is formed."

By virtue of your own Baptism, you are a little "christ," anointed with the same Holy Spirit in whom Jesus accomplished his mission. What your child needs from you is for you to let the Holy Spirit do his work that you may faithfully live out your part of the mission of Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King. It is simple, though not easy. What can you start doing now to live your baptismal mission more faithfully? What can you begin doing as a family now and in the years to come to teach your child about his or her priestly, prophetic, and kingly calling?

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