

This week's answers:

1. **b)** False. The apostles were ordained by Jesus and became the first bishops. Deacons and priests were later ordained to assist in the ministry of the bishop.
2. **a)** "It is true that someone validly ordained can, for grave reasons, be discharged from the obligations and functions linked to ordination. ... [However,] the vocation and mission received on the day of his ordination mark him permanently" (CCC,1583).
3. **c)** Bishops consider priests their co-workers, sons, brothers, and friends. Priests, in return, owe the bishop love and obedience (see CCC, 1567).
4. **c)** The ordained are tasked to lead and care for the Church. The laity are called to bring Christ to the world outside of the Church through their jobs, families, and neighborhood associations.
5. **b)** The pope is the successor of Peter, the first pope and the first bishop of Rome. Because the pope is responsible for the universal Church, he usually leaves most of the bishop duties to his assistant bishops.