

LESSON XV - HOLY ORDERS

GETTING STARTED

- 1.) Read John 15:16.
 - a.) Who is speaking ?
 - b.) To whom is He speaking ?
 - c.) What does He mean by this statement ?
- 2.) Read Luke 10:16. Put these words of Jesus into your own words.
- 3.) Read John 21:15-17. Discuss what this has to do with the vocation of the priesthood.
What does *feed* mean here ?
- 4.) Read John 20:22-23. What has this to do with the priesthood ?
- 5.) Read the following scriptural passages:
 - a.) Acts 6:1-6
 - b.) Acts 14:21-23
 - c.) 1 Timothy 4:14
 - d.) 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Point out that the reference to *Laying on of hands* is ordination. The Armenian term for ordination is *tzernatootyoon*.

The first passage (#a) refers to the ordination of deacons. The last three passages (#'s b,c, & d) refer to the ordination of priests, *elder = priest*.

FINISHING-UP

Matching - Match the items on the right with the best choices on the left.

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| _____ deacon | 1.) highest rank |
| _____ priest | 2.) rules a Diocese |
| _____ bishop | 3.) a celibate priest |
| _____ patriarch | 4.) helps the priest |
| _____ Catholicos | 5.) doctor of divinity |
| _____ vartabed | 6.) honorary title |
| _____ dzayrakooyv vartabed | 7.) administers all sacraments except Holy Orders |
| _____ apegha | 8.) Jerusalem and Constantinople |
| _____ archpriest | 9.) academic title |

Completion - Briefly complete the following statements.

- 1.) The *majokh* or main orders are:
- 2.) The *minokh* orders are:
- 3.) Why are these ranks and offices necessary ?

ADDITIONAL

- 1.) Discuss some of the requirements in order to receive Holy Orders = ordination.
- 2.) Including the priesthood, what are some of the ways we can serve the Church, the living body of Christ ?
- 3.) Have your students discuss ways that they can help their priest in his most important work,
- 4.) Have your students name the following:
 - a.) the Catholicos of All Armenians
 - b.) the Primate of our Diocese
 - c.) their own parish priest
 - d.) the deacon(s) in their parish