

Session 6 – Who are We?

1. Prayer

2. Christ = "anointed"

a. in Old Testament, three types of people anointed

1. prophets: one who proclaims and teaches Word of God –

Teaching Office

2. priests: makes sacrifices and offers worship to God –

Sanctifying Office

3. kings: direct the lives of the people according to God's laws –

Governing Office

b. Jesus Christ is perfect prophet, perfect priest, perfect king

c. the Church carries on these roles in its various offices

3. Ordained as lay people - what are lay people?

a. ministerial priesthood

1. sacred ministering

2. serves, supports, leads, governs, teaches, builds, and

nourishes the faithful

b. common priesthood

1. lay people

2. we are all called to be prophet, priest, and king in union –

communion – with Jesus

c. the two priesthoods depend upon each other

4. How do we, as laity, bring the Spirit of Christ to the world?

a. proclaim and share Gospel of Christ

- b. through example (again, be credible)
- c. explaining and defending the Faith
- d. apply Christian values to our daily lives
- e. assist in the sacred ministry – see p. 2 in handout

5. Parish and parish priest

- a. parish = a community under pastoral care of a bishop, entrusted to a parish priest
- b. has offices of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling
- c. represents the parish

6. Activity #1 – in groups of 3-4 with handout #1

- a. fill out first two columns in paper
- b. fill out who does each in paper
- c. check with the handout
- d. any questions?

7. Summary and closing prayer