

Vocations Essay Writing Guide

Topic: Why are Priests, Sisters, Deacons, and Brothers necessary for the mission of the Catholic Church?

Your introductory paragraph should address the following topics:

- Who are “ordained ministers”?
- Who are considered “vowed religious”?
- What is the mission of the Catholic Church?

Your first body paragraph should follow this format:

- an introductory sentence about priests
- 1 or 2 sentences describing who can be a priest
- 3 to 5 sentences describing some of the specific duties, responsibilities, or actions that priests do
- at least 3 sentences telling how priests support the mission of the Catholic Church (at least one specific action for each part of the Church’s mission)
- a closing sentence about the importance of priests to the community



Your second body paragraph should follow this format:

- an introductory sentence about deacons
- 1 or 2 sentences describing who can be a permanent deacon
- 2 to 3 sentences describing some of the specific duties, responsibilities, or actions that deacons do
- at least 3 sentences telling how deacons support the mission of the Catholic Church (at least one specific action for each part of the Church’s mission)
- a closing sentence about the importance of permanent deacons to the community



Your third body paragraph should follow this format:

- an introductory sentence about religious sisters/nuns
- 1 or 2 sentences describing who can be a religious sister/nun
- 2 to 3 sentences describing some of the specific duties, responsibilities, or actions that religious sisters/nuns do
- at least 3 sentences telling how religious sisters/nuns support the mission of the Catholic Church (at least one specific action for each part of the Church’s mission)
- a closing sentence about the importance of religious sisters/nuns to the community



Your fourth body paragraph should follow this format:

- an introductory sentence about religious brothers/monks
- 1 or 2 sentences describing who can be a religious brothers/monks
- 2 to 3 sentences describing some of the specific duties, responsibilities, or actions that religious brothers/monks do
- at least 3 sentences telling how religious brothers/monks support the mission of the Catholic Church (at least one specific action for each part of the Church’s mission)
- a closing sentence about the importance of religious brothers/monks to the community



Your conclusion paragraph should include:

- a statement about why priests, deacons, and vowed religious brothers and sisters are important to the Church
- a personal experience with either a priest, deacon, religious sister, or religious brother who helped you
- a way that you can support ordained and vowed religious in their missions

Somewhere in your essay, you need to include at least 2 of the following:

- simile
- metaphor
- quotation

Since this is a competition, you **MUST NOT** include your name, school, or parish name in the essay.

Your essay must have between 300-400 words to be considered for the competition.