

## The Rite Of Ordination According To The Roman Pontifical

The Rite of Ordination in the Pontificale Romanum is a sacred Rite and full of instruction to Catholics. This Rite is a solemn Rite that has been used for centuries in the Catholic Church prior to Vatican II. Many men today desire to be ordained in this sacred rite. This work has simple instruction in preparation for ordination, which is followed by the Latin Rite of Ordination as found in the Pontificale Romanum for Tonsure, the four minor orders, subdeacon, deacon and priest.

Episcopal Ordination and Ecclesial Consensus

Women's Ordination in the Catholic Church argues that women can be validly ordained to ministerial office. O'Brien shows that claims by Roman dicasteries for an unbroken chain of authoritative tradition on the non-ordainability of women—a novel rather than traditional argument—are not historically supported. In the primitive Church, with the offices of deacon, presbyter, and bishop in process of development, women exercised ministries later understood as pertaining to those offices. The sub-apostolic period downplayed women's ministry for reasons of cultural adaptation, not because it was thought that fidelity to Christ required it. Furthermore, extensive epigraphical evidence, from a wide geographical area, references women deacons and presbyters during the first millennium. Restrictive developments in the concept of ordination from the twelfth century onwards do not negate how, before that, women were validly ordained according to contemporary ecclesial understanding. Repeated canonical prohibitions on ordaining women show both that women were being ordained and how those bans were very selectively implemented. These canons were a cultural practice in search of a theology, and the subsequent theological justifications for restricting ordination to men appealed to supposed female inferiority against the background of priesthood as eminence rather than service. O'Brien shows that the assertion of women's non-ordainability is a matter of canon law rather than doctrine. As such, that law can be reformed.

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Paul Bradshaw, one of the world's foremost scholars on the history of Christian liturgy, has shared this expertise in several works that have become standard texts for students of liturgy. In Rites of Ordination, Bradshaw turns his attention to the ways that Christians through the ages have understood what it means to ordain someone as a minister and how that has been expressed in liturgical practice. Bradshaw considers the typological background to ordained ministry some have drawn from the Old Testament and what ministry meant to the earliest Christian communities. He explores the ordination rites and theology of the early church, the Christian East, the medieval West, the churches of the Reformation, and the post-Tridentine Roman Catholic Church. Rites of Ordination promises to serve as an enriching resource for seminary students, students of liturgy and church history, and anyone fascinated by the history and theology of Christian liturgy and ministry.

A study of the early texts in ordination to the offices of greatest antiquity in the Christian churches of East and West. These offices include bishop, presbyter, deacon, deaconess, subdeacon, acolyte and reader. The author introduces the primary sources of the texts and outlines the nuclear structure of the ordination ritual and comments on the prayers and ceremonies proper to each order. Then in the second part of the book, he offers English translations of the texts available.

A unique situation exists in the Nordic countries where there is a Lutheran majority living in ecumenical cooperation with other churches and ecclesiastical communities. This book attempts to shed light on what the churches have discovered they hold in common and on areas where they recognise that there are divergencies between them, both in relation to ordination and ministry, and in particular to the theology and terminology of ordination. The book brings together the research and insights of 23 researchers from all the Nordic countries studying more than 200 different kinds of 'ordination' rites from the Orthodox and Roman Catholic as well as Lutheran and non-Lutheran protestant traditions. After an introduction to the churches in the Nordic countries, the book presents 19 case studies from the Nordic countries. The last part includes some general ecumenical and liturgical perspectives on ordination and rites presented by international researchers.

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This is a new release of the original 1946 edition.

Cambridge-educated translator John S. Daly puts the scholarship of the late Michael Davies under the spotlight. What emerges from systematic comparison with statements of the Magisterium and the greatest theologians must destroy Davies's credibility in the eyes of every serious reader. "Michael Davies - An Evaluation" remains not only an unanswered indictment of Davies as a Catholic scholar, but a standing refutation of the entire ecclesiology of those who believe it possible for an orthodox Catholic to reject the doctrinal errors and reformed rites spawned by Vatican II without calling into doubt the legitimacy of recent papal claimants and the validity of the new sacraments. This book was hailed by celebrated traditionalist pastor Fr. Oswald Baker (1915-2004) as one of the two most important to have emerged from the post-Vatican II crisis in the Catholic Church.

Ordained ministry cannot be understood by itself or only in its relationship with Christ. It must find its identity in relationship to the Church, for it exists to serve and build up the Church. In *Sacramental Orders* Susan Wood places the theology of ordained ministry within its ecclesial foundations, identifying four concepts that shed light on different aspects of ordained ministry and its relationship to the Church: a monarchical and hierarchical concept; a eucharistic, collegial model of ministry representing the communion of particular Churches; the priest, prophet, and king, which structures the concept of the Church as the people of God; and a theology of the Church as a sacrament of Christ and ordained ministry as a sacrament of the Church. *Sacramental Orders* is a liturgical and theological study of ordained ministry grounded in the liturgy of the 1990 typical edition of the rites. It addresses the three Orders within the one Sacrament of Order: bishop, presbyter, and deacon. By including each order with this study, the interrelationship between the three becomes more apparent, and the theology of one is allowed to inform the theology of the others. Wood points out that one of the challenges in theologies of ordained ministry today is to distinguish a bishop from a presbyter when both are ordinations to the priesthood and presbyters are assuming a greater ministry of oversight as they pastor more than one parish, and to distinguish deacons from presbyters at a time in church history when deacons are assuming more presbyteral functions. *Sacramental Orders* also focuses on the mutual reciprocity in the relationship between liturgical rite and the theology of the sacrament as explained in ecclesial documents. The ordination rites reflect the theology expressed by Vatican II and yet also present a theology of the sacrament embedded in the liturgical texts and actions. Chapters are "The Ecclesiological Foundations of Ministry," "The Liturgical Rite of the Ordination of a Bishop," "The Sacramentality of Episcopal Consecration," "The Liturgical Rite of the Ordination of Presbyters," "Theology of the Presbyterate," "The Liturgical Rite of the Ordination of Deacons," and "Questions Concerning the Diaconate." Susan Wood has made a fine contribution to the liturgical theology and ecclesiology with this book. Theoforum? . . . a must-read for bishops, Commissions on Ministry, aspirants, seminarians and anyone who cares about the church's order and its relation to worship. . . . Susan Wood has crafted an enormously helpful volume. Reading, rereading, and digesting it will further our discussions, clarify terminology, and above all show in a very practical instance how to do sacramental theology out of the rites themselves. Open? Wood provides a thorough and reliable introduction to the theology of orders on the basis of and in relation to the official Roman Catholic rites for the ordinations of bishops, presbyters, and deacons. Theological Studies". . . must be welcomed as an excellent resource for anyone studying this aspect of liturgical theology at university level." In *Illo Tempore* "This study is an invaluable summary of the most up-to-date scholarship and pastoral implications surrounding the sacrament of order." Emmanuel "The book should work well in masters level courses in conjunction with larger historical surveys and theological works." Theological Studies "The book is dense, not in the sense of being incomprehensible, but rather in the sense that it is packed with food for thought and further study." Liturgy Network Newsletter "The work can be recommended as an example of a careful exercise in liturgical theology and for its insight into the prevailing approach to the meaning of the sacrament of Order in the Roman liturgy." David N. Power, O.M.I. The Catholic University of America Washington, D.C.

A recent theological statement from the Roman Catholic Church has increased hopes that while women may not be ordained as priests, their ordination as deacons may soon become reality. This is a new, enlarged edition of a groundbreaking book that gathered historical evidence from ancient liturgies, literature, art and inscriptions on graves to show that the practice of ordaining women as deacons in the first ten centuries of the Church was normative. Women carried out sacramental rites alongside priests and had responsibilities for the care of the Christian community. Recent research has identified over 120 known female deacons - a figure that has tripled since this book's first appearance, under the title *No Women in Holy Orders?* in 2002. This offers a positive, theological and historical contribution to a debate that is fast gaining momentum in the Catholic Church worldwide. John Wijngaards is one of the most influential figures in the Roman Catholic church. He founded Housetop, which promotes the spirituality of John Main and has written many books on prayer and Bible study. Formerly Vicar General of the Mill Hill Fathers, he leads the movement for the ordination of women in the Catholic Church and runs the website: [www.womenpriests.org](http://www.womenpriests.org) From USCCB Publishing, this revision of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) seeks to promote more conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful in the mystery of the Eucharist. While the *Missale Romanum* contains the rite and prayers for Mass, the GIRM provides specific detail about each element of the Order of Mass as well as other information related to the Mass.

*The Process of Admission to Ordained Ministry: A Comparative Study Volume I*

First published in 1877, this book provides the ordination rites for all the minor orders and major orders up to priesthood. Also included are insights into where each ordination occurs during the Holy Mass.

*The Process of Admission to Ordained Ministry: A Comparative Study Volume II*

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