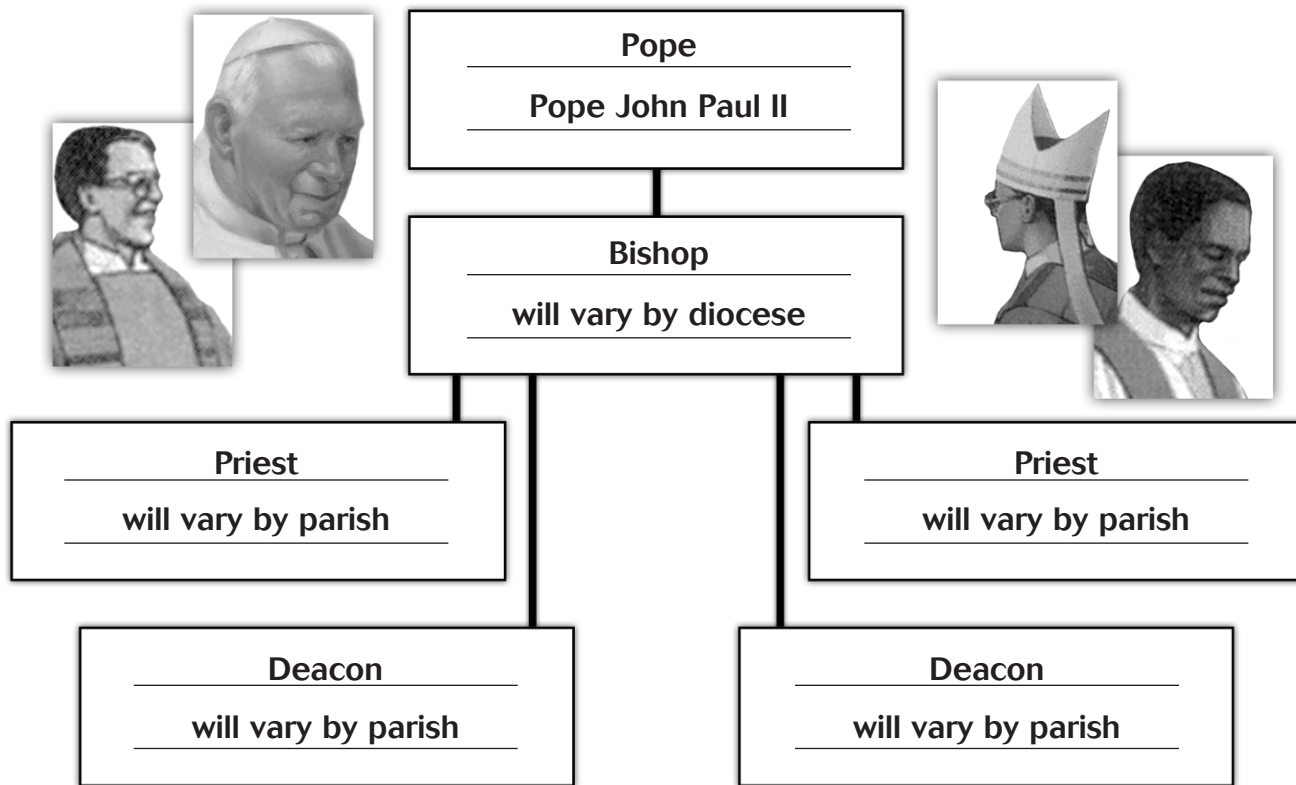


Ordained Church Leaders

Ordained church leaders have made a commitment to serve the Church.
They continue the commitment of St. Peter, our first pope.

On the lines in the diagram below, write the proper titles to show the order of church leadership. Use these titles: Bishop, Deacon, Pope, Priest.



Complete the following.

The leader of the universal Church is _____ **Pope John Paul II** _____.

The leader of our diocese is _____ **will vary by diocese** _____.

The priests who serve our parish are _____ **will vary by parish** _____.

The deacons who serve our parish are _____ **will vary by parish** _____.

Go back to the diagram and add their names under the proper titles.

Parents, Catechists, Teachers: The pope is our spiritual leader, and he works with the bishops to unite all Catholics. Discuss the leadership of priests and deacons within your own parish. If your parish is experiencing a shortage of ordained leaders pray together for a solution to this reality. Introduce your child to the ordained ministers in your parish if they do not already know them.