### Catechism of the Crisis in the Catholic Church

#### “VIII The Catholic Priesthood”

- **Does the new Code of Canon Law also exaggerate the “common priesthood of the faithful”?**
  
  The new Code of Canon Law (1983) was presented by John Paul II as “a great effort to translate this same doctrine, that is, the conciliar ecclesiology, into canonical language,” especially “the doctrine, moreover, according to which all the members of the People of God, in the way suited to each of them, participate in the threefold office of Christ: priestly, prophetic and kingly.”

- **In the new Code, how is this emphasis on “the common priesthood of the faithful” translated in practice?**
  
  The outline of the new Code (as also the outline of the Constitution *Lumen Gentium*) is very instructive. The traditional Code (1917), after a first book presenting the general norms, treated of persons in its second book. It was divided into three parts: Clerics, Religious, and the Laity. The new Code also devotes its first book to general norms, but it entitles its second book “The People of God.” It treats first of all of the faithful in general, then of the hierarchy, and finally of religious.

- **Does this change of outline really mark a change of doctrine?**
  
  The change of order in the new Code is explained by Canon 204 (which is the first canon of Book II):
  
  The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through baptism, have been constituted as the people of God. For this reason, made sharers in their own way in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal function, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church to fulfill in the world, in accord with the condition proper to each.

- **What does the definition given in Canon 204 show?**
  
  Like the Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, the new Code begins by affirming that all Christians are priests, albeit in diverse ways. The ministerial priesthood (proper to priests) would only be a special modality of the universal priesthood. Likewise, all Christians are presented as participating in the power of government ("royal function"), and the role of the hierarchy is only presented afterwards as a “service” rendered to the community.
In your charity please pray for the souls of:
Frank Earnest Ashelford; Olga Millard; Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre; Craig Campbell.

Parish Help
Cleaning Roster: Saturday 24th March: M. McLeod
Morning Tea: Sunday 25th March:

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Announcements

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Other Mass Centres Next Sunday 25th March, 2018

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Easter Duty: Please remember the obligation a) to confess our sins at least once a year; b) to make our Easter duty, which means to receive the Blessed Eucharist worthily between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

March: is the month when we honour Saint Joseph in a special way. By saying a prayer to Saint Joseph or by setting up a little altar to him.

Men’s Ignatian retreat (Brisbane): Mon 9 to Sat 14 April, 2018. There are a limited number of spaces. To register a deposit of $150 is necessary. Contact the Brisbane parish or email: retreats@sspx.com.au to inform us that you wish to attend.

Friday Catechism: Classes for adults on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:20 pm.

Sunday Catechism: Classes today at 9:30 am. No classes from 1st to 15th April.

Piety Stall: Sunday, 8th April. Moved because of the Palm Sunday Blessing.

Indian Mission: Sponsors needed: If anyone would like to be part of a group sponsoring a child or elderly lady, there are three vacancies: two at $5 each, and one at $10, which could be split into two. Amounts are paid monthly. If interested please contact Patty Poole.