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A world without priests, nuns, or religious bothers would impact the Catholic faith. Many times, we take for granted all that religious leaders do for us. We do not take the time to realize the sacrifices these leaders have made for their beliefs.

Without priests, there would be no followers of Christ to minister the word to.

Without priests, there would be no one to administer the Seven Sacraments. The Holy

Orders would not exist, so people wanting to become priests could not take their vows.

Baptism is the introduction to the Catholic faith. Eucharist is a major part in the mass.

When we receive Eucharist, we are taking in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ that was given to us by Jesus in the Last Supper. Reconciliation is when we confess our sins openly and ask for forgiveness. Jesus lives within us and our bodies are known as a Temple of God, which must be kept clean. When we confess our sins openly we cleanse our souls. The priests take the place physically of Jesus when we receive sacrament of Reconciliation. With no priests, The Liturgy of the Eucharist would not take place, so the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ would not be made holy.

Nuns and religious brothers are an important part in the Catholic faith. They live in poverty, obedience, and chastity. Both nuns and religious brothers pray for those who are in need of healing or help. They also volunteer in hospitals, pray for those who are Catholic or Christian, give messages of encouragement to those who doubt themselves, and care for the sick. Religious brothers will also minister to the poor very often. Some will even work or teach in schools, and spread their knowledge to help students succeed.

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Without the Pope there would be no order in the church. The Pope is also believed to be a figure of Peter. In the New Testament, God gave Peter authority over all apostles, to be a spokesperson and lead over them in the right way. The Pope's job is to unite all of God's children and make decisions for the Church as a whole. There are many different priests and bishops across the nation, so the Pope guides and inspires them to make the right decisions for their church.

All religious leaders make up an important part in the Church. It is valuable to have needed leaders for the Church, so that the church may keep striving. With no religious leaders there is no church! The Catholic Church needs priests, deacons, bishops, nuns, religious brothers, and the Pope to continue. Although, everyone is the Catholic Church is valuable, without people to commit to the Catholic Church, the faith does not spread on! That is why it is important to share the word of God to all believers of Christ, and even those who are in doubt.