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I attend a Catholic school, and despite the religious education I receive on a daily basis, it can be easy to forget those who carry out the will of the Lord. In our busy everyday lives, it can be hard to remember our religious leaders: the priests, deacons, nuns, monks, and bishops that serve at churches, convents, and monasteries. It is difficult to imagine if they were not there. You might not think about it, but if these people were gone, a substantial part of your life would be missing.

Priests are the foundation of the church. They help those around them by preaching the word of God. When attending mass, you will always see a priest leading the service. They teach us how to live a holier life every Sunday and important sacraments like Reconciliation, Baptism, and Confirmation are conducted by a priest. Transubstantiation, the transformation of bread into Christ's flesh is performed by a priest during the Eucharist. Bishops hold an important role in the church too. They guide an entire diocese in the Catholic faith and also serve mass like priests. Priests and bishops contribute a lot to the community and church services.

The highest position in the Catholic church is the papacy. The head of the church, the pope, travels around the world spreading faith, the word of God, speaking to people of all nations to convey a sacred message. He also meets with political leaders, appoints new bishops, and gives colossal sermons to thousands of people gathered from around the earth. With many duties to uphold, the pope has a large influence on the entire world.

I take classes about both religion and Latin because I attend a Catholic school. This would not be possible if there were not my religious leaders educating me. I currently have two priests and a sister serving at my school. They both provide guidance in my growing Catholic

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faith. My holy sister tells about her experiences within her life that have changed my views about how I see things around me. One of my priests teaches me Latin which gives me an exceptionally better understanding of what happens during mass. The personal relationships I have with the holy leaders at my school are what help me enhance my understanding of what it means to be a Catholic.

In conclusion, without priests, nuns, and bishops, Catholicism would be nearly nonexistent. We do not realize it all the time, but they do a lot to help us grow in our faith and knowledge. If you thought about it for a while, you would see how much the leaders in the church do for us. I feel very motivated by the priests at my school, who are very grateful to help the other students and me. Not just some people, not just communities, but the entire world would be affected if there were no religious leaders.