

THE APOSTLES, OUR FIRM FOUNDATION

“THE LIFE OF MAN — TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD

So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.’⁴ Strengthened by this mission, the apostles ‘went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.’⁵ *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2*

⁴ Mt 28:18-20.

⁵ Mk 16:20.

“The Apostles’ mission

Jesus is the Father's Emissary. From the beginning of his ministry, he ‘called to him those whom he desired; . . . And he appointed twelve, whom also he named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach.’³⁶⁸ From then on, they would also be his ‘emissaries’ (Greek *apostoloi*). In them, Christ continues his own mission: ‘As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’³⁶⁹ The apostles’ ministry is the continuation of his mission; Jesus said to the Twelve: ‘he who receives you receives me.’³⁷⁰ *CCC 858*

“Jesus unites them to the mission he received from the Father. As ‘the Son can do nothing of his own accord,’ but receives everything from the Father who sent him, so those whom Jesus sends can do nothing apart from him,³⁷¹ from whom they received both the mandate for their mission and the power to carry it out. Christ's apostles knew that they were called by God as ‘ministers of a new covenant,’ ‘servants of God,’ ‘ambassadors for Christ,’ ‘servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.’³⁷² *CCC 859*

³⁶⁸ Mk 3:13-14.

³⁶⁹ Jn 20:21; cf. 13:20; 17:18.

³⁷⁰ Mt 10:40; cf. Lk 10:16.

³⁷¹ Jn 5:19, 30; cf. Jn 15:5.

³⁷² 2 Cor 3:6; 6:4; 5:20; 1 Cor 4:1.

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 - a. 2
 - b. 12
 - c. 14
 - d. 200
2. True or False: Jesus told Peter and Andrew to follow Him.
3. When Jesus was talking about being “fishers,” what was He talking about “catching”?
 - a. people
 - b. walleye
 - c. a cold
 - d. all of the above
4. What is the Good News?
 - a. the front page of the newspaper
 - b. the message of Jesus
 - c. what Jesus asked the apostles to proclaim
 - d. both b and c
5. How do we carry on the message of the apostles?
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We love one another as Christ loved us.

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Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick

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 - c. musician
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7. What is the new commandment?

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The Eucharist

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to preach and continue to spread the message of Jesus

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