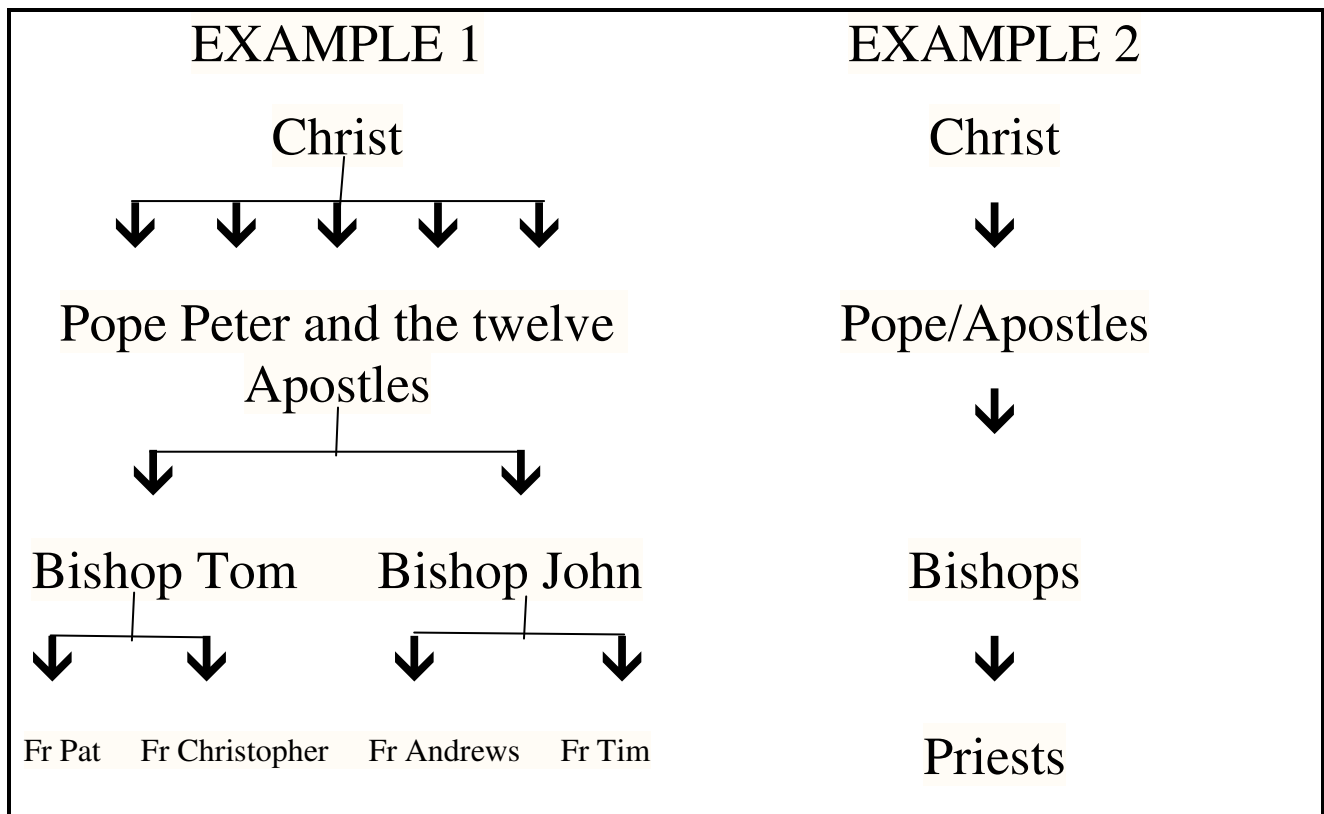


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# CHILDREN'S PACK

## APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION



## THE HIERARCHY OF THE CHURCH

**The Pope:** He is the direct successor of Peter and the Bishop of Rome. He is the visible head of the Church, the vicar of Christ on earth.

**Bishops:** These are the successors of the Twelve Apostles; they oversee the priests in a diocese and they ordain new priests.

**Priests:** They administer the sacraments; they are usually, but not always, associated with a parish.

**Laity:** Those who have not taken Orders or vows.

## POPE

Today our Pope is called Francis

This is a picture of Francis:



This is where the Pope lives:



It is called "Vatican City". Vatican City is in Rome. Rome is in Italy

Note: the Pope is the visible head of the Church, but Jesus is always the true head.

## BISHOP

Our bishop is called Peter Smith

This is a picture of Peter Smith



He lives at this Cathedral (called St George's Cathedral) in London:



Bishops must obey the Pope, and Catholics must obey their bishop, even bad bishops, unless he orders us to do something wrong.

## PRIESTS

Our Parish Priest is called Fr Christopher  
Basden

This is a picture of Fr Basden



Fr Basden lives at St Bede's, Clapham  
Park in London



# WRITE SENTENCES

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions:

**What is the Church?**

The Church is the group of baptized persons who profess the Catholic faith and come together to worship God

**Who founded the Church?**

The Church was founded by Jesus Christ

**Who are the leaders of the Church today?**

The Pope and bishops

**What is a Pope:**

The Pope is the successor of St Peter and the visible head on earth of the Church

**Who is our Pope now:**

Pope Francis

# HYMN: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.

She is from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end:  
Though there be those who hate her,  
And false sons in her pale,  
Against both foe or traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee:  
There, past the border mountains,  
Where in sweet vales the Bride  
With Thee by living fountains  
Forever shall abide!

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed:  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song!

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won,  
With all her sons and daughters  
Who, by the Master's hand  
Led through the deathly waters,  
Repose in Eden land.