


Hierarchy of the Catholic Church

Title	Description	Flock
Pope	<p>Head of the church. The pope oversees the Catholic Church and its faithful from his home in the Vatican City, and independent nation situated in Rome.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Francis</i> vatican.va</p>	<p>The Catholic Church</p> 
Cardinal	<p>Appointed by the pope. As a body, the College of Cardinals advises the pope and, on his death, elects a new pope. Most have additional duties, such as leading a diocese or archdiocese or managing a department of the Roman Curia.</p>	
Archbishop	<p>An archbishop is a bishop of a main or metropolitan diocese, also called an archdiocese. A cardinal can concurrently hold the title.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich</i> archchicago.org</p>	<p><u>Archdiocese</u> <i>Chicago</i></p>
Bishop	<p>A bishop, like a priest, is ordained to this station. He is a teacher of church doctrine, a priest of sacred worship, and a minister of church government. The U.S. has 290 active bishops, 194 head dioceses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bishop Thomas John Paprocki</i> dio.org</p>	<p><u>Diocese</u> <i>Springfield</i></p>
Priest	<p>An ordained minister who can administer most of the sacraments, including the Eucharist, baptism, and marriage. He can be with a particular religious order or committed to serving a congregation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rev. Donald Patrick Gibbons</i> stcparish.org</p>	<p><u>Parish</u> <i>St. Cecilia</i></p>
Deacon	<p>A transitional deacon is a seminarian studying for the priesthood. A permanent deacon can be married and assists a priest by performing some of the sacraments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deacon Joseph Zagorski</i></p>	<p><i>St. Cecilia</i></p>

