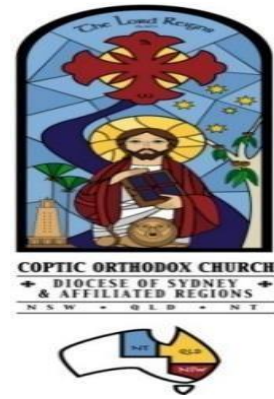


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Dear the Priests of the Churches in the Diocese of Sydney, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all Amen.

I would like to wish you all the blessings of the Fast of Saint Mary the mother of God, asking for her intercessions to be with us all.

I thought to share with you some points about the topic above as follows:

The priest in the Coptic Orthodox Church Biblically is:

1. Disciple for Christ, as it mentioned in ***Luke 6:13:*** " ***And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles***".
2. Father for all, no favouritism, as mentioned in ***1 Tim. 5: 21:*** " ***I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality***".
3. Ambassador of Christ, as mentioned in ***2 Corin. 5:20:*** " ***Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ***".
4. Steward of the mysteries of God, as mentioned in ***1 Corin. 4:1:*** " ***Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.***".
5. Spiritual leader:

5.1: Transmitter, as mentioned in ***2 Tim.2: 2:*** " ***And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***".

5.2: Motivator, as mentioned in ***Acts 11:23:" When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord."***

5.3: Mediator, as mentioned in ***2 Corin. 5:20:" we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.***

5.4: Communicator, as mentioned in ***Galatians 2:2:" And I went up by revelation and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.***

5.5: Delegator, as mentioned in ***Matt. 28:19-20:" ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.***

5.6: Team builder, as mentioned in ***Acts 15: 6:" ⁶ Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.***

5.7: Good planner, as mentioned in ***Luke 14: 28:" ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it.***

We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ the High Priest to guide, help and support us in our Mission.

Please pray for me.



+ Bishop Daniel

By the grace of God

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