

There will always be Catholic bishops = brief summary

Praised be Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph now and forever. Quite some years ago, I wrote an article explaining why I believe there will always be Catholic bishops, and that article can be found at this hyperlink <https://jmjsite.com/f/ab.pdf>

In the *Combined Response* letter (<https://jmjsite.com/f/cr.pdf>), there is a much longer explanation beginning on page 138. There is also a section about this topic beginning around page 39 in *My Petition for Spiritual Help* (<https://jmjsite.com/f/my-petition-for-spiritual-help.pdf>). Below is a brief summary.

The Sources of Catholic Dogma – Denzinger (paragraph 1957) teaches:

“Therefore, Jesus Christ instituted in the Church a living, authentic, and likewise permanent magisterium, which He strengthened by His own power, taught by the Spirit of Truth, and confirmed by miracles.

† Therefore, it is a dogma of the Catholic Church that Jesus Christ instituted in the Church a living, authentic, and likewise permanent magisterium.

† The Gospel of St. Matthew 28:19, 20; proves that the living and permanent magisterium founded by Christ is perpetual and infallible.

† Only Catholic bishops are part of the teaching Church. (The laity and other clerics are only part of the Church TAUGHT – not the teaching Church). Only Catholic bishops make up any part of the magisterium of the Catholic Church.

† The Holy Ghost has not promised that laypeople can teach infallibly, therefore there must be a Catholic hierarchy consisting of bishops until the end of time; because the Catholic Church will have the power to teach infallibly until the end of time.

† Laypeople are NOT part of the *magisterium* of the Catholic Church.

† A church consisting of ONLY, simply, and nothing but the laity is certainly NOT the living, authentic, and permanent magisterium with jurisdiction, office, authority, and mission to make laws, inflict punishments, and explain, expound, and define the true meaning of Sacred Scripture as well as declare, pronounce, and promulgate INFALLIBLE DOGMAS in the Catholic Church!

† Without Catholic bishops that still have jurisdiction and authority in the Catholic Church, there is no Fourth Mark of the Catholic Church – Apostolicity!

† Bishops do not lose their jurisdiction just because the Pope dies. (The Novus Ordo Bishops did not lose their jurisdiction just because there was no Pope living. Those among them who actually had jurisdiction at one time from a truly Catholic Pope lost it when they went into heresy and left the Catholic Church. It is also true that since the death of the last true Pope, no bishop has received ordinary jurisdiction – because all jurisdiction comes only through the Sovereign Pontiff.) During periods of interregnum, there have been over 260 times that the Catholic Church has been without a Catholic Pope; but nevertheless, there were still Catholic bishops living with ordinary jurisdiction that made up the living magisterium. The laity are never any part of the Catholic Hierarchy, but there must always be a living Catholic Hierarchy.

† Although I know of some men who might possibly be validly consecrated Catholic bishops, at this time in my life, I do not know of any one of them who still has jurisdiction and that has been SENT by the Catholic Church. However, just because I do not know the name and address of truly Catholic Bishops with ordinary jurisdiction, that does not prove that no Catholic bishops exist. In fact, my conclusion is that they MUST exist – otherwise there is no Catholic Church today and Jesus Christ would be a liar.

Ora pro nobis!

In Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph,
Patrick Henry