# Be a True Hero: Priest, Prophet, King in Your Home

**Headline:** In our Baptism we were anointed Priest, Prophet and King. At Fathers Team we are exploring what it means to realize those roles. Priest, to foster holiness between those we love and God. Prophet, to reveal God's truth. King, to lead our families toward their God given missions by developing their faith, discipline and gifts.

**Objective:** God's natural order placed men in kingly roles of married life and fatherhood. Kings anointed by God are powerful. Today's objective is to gnaw upon the headline and dive into our role as Priest, Prophet and King. At confirmation we received gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is everyman's basic equipment to foster holiness, reveal God's truth and lead those we love toward God. Bring your insights into how your faith, hope and love are at work in your Kingship. Explore the challenges and successes to keep faith heroically present in your kingly role at home and community life (married, empty nest, widowed or single).

#### Song Suggestion: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

# **Bible and Catechism Readings:**

#### Exodus 30: 22 - 25

Then the Lord said to Moses "Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much 250 shekels of fragrant cinnamon, 250 shekels of fragrant calamus, 500 shekels of cassia—all according to the sanctuary shekel—and a hin of olive oil. Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be the sacred anointing oil."

#### Catechism 784

On entering the People of God through faith and Baptism, one receives a share in this people's unique, priestly vocation: "Christ the Lord, high priest taken from among men, has made this new people 'a kingdom of priests to God, his Father.'



#### Saint: St. Louis Martin

Louis Martin died July 29, 1894 and was canonized Oct 18 2015 by Pope Francis. Louis followed where God led him; way from religious life to marry Zélie Guérin. Together they had nine children, four dying as infants. Zelie died of breast cancer in 1877, leaving Louis to toil on as father to five daughters. He was an everyday many hero embracing his role as Priest, Prophet and King. How do we know this? St. Therese of the Child Jesus was his youngest daughter, results matter.

**Vignette:** – He had found his way on his own, finding answers to everyday questions with help of a soft voice no one else heard. He eventually found the love of his life, he proposed, they married, and a more serious life began. At the Baptism of their first child he heard the priest say, "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." It was then he heard the soft voice say, you were Baptized, you are a member of Christs Body sharing in everlasting life as priest, prophet and king. He felt joy, but wondered, "how am I doing?"

# **Questions for Large and Small Group Discussion**:

Have you thought about yourself being anointed Priest, Prophet and King? What does that mean within your life today?

### **Resources:**

From Word on Fire: <u>Fr. Barron's "Priest, Prophet, King" is Now Available! - Word on Fire</u> <u>https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/fr-barrons-priest-prophet-king-is-now-available/</u> Excerpt: https://youtu.be/q-kltT6WLB8

# **Action Plan**:

Example: How can I lead others in faith toward God when I feel so inadequate? I will fix that; study catechism, visit Adoration, take myself to Confession more often and lead my family by example.

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