

Year of Faith
Liturgical Minute No. 11
Apostolic Teaching Until the End of Time

In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church, the apostles left bishops as their successors, giving them “their own... teaching authority,” so their “apostolic preaching” would be “preserved until the end of time.”

Bishops, with priests as co-workers, have as their first task, in keeping with the Lord’s command, to preach the Gospel of God, the saving work of Christ, to all people. They are “heralds of faith” – “authentic teachers” of the apostolic faith – “who draw new disciples to Christ.”

Trusting the words of Christ to his apostles; “He who hears you, hears me,” the faithful obediently receive the teachings and directives of their pastors given to them in various forms.

In turn, all the faithful share in handing on revealed truth.

Aroused and sustained by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching of the Church... receive, understand, and unfailingly adhere to such truth... allowing it to penetrate more deeply into right judgment, and apply more fully to their daily life.

Major Source: The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 77, 87, 91, 93, and 888.