

The Building Blocks of the Church

Did you know priests, bishops, cardinals and even the Pope have come from people like us? They grew up in families just like ours. There would be no church without us. **The Church is a community. Everyone is important.**

Everyone contributes something. If anyone was missing, then the community wouldn't be the same.

Where do you fit into the Church community?

What do you bring to the Church community?



Activity

Get a pile of coloured bricks (e.g. lego, wooden blocks)



Choose 9 bricks of one colour. Lay them in a



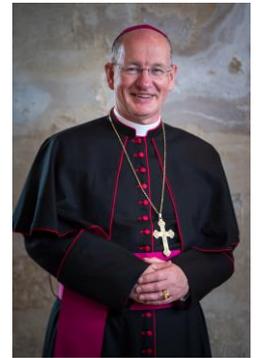
row and for each brick name people you usually go to church with or see at church. These bricks form the foundation of the pyramid and **represent the laity** (the people of the church).



Choose 7 bricks of another colour and place them on top of the laity bricks. **These bricks represent the priests.** Try to name a priest you know for each brick you place down.



Choose 5 bricks of another colour and place them on top of the priest bricks. **These bricks represent the bishops.** Do you know the name of our Bishop? You may want to research the names of other bishops.



Choose 3 bricks of another colour and place them on top of the bishop bricks. **These ones represent the cardinals.** Do you know the name of the Cardinal of England and Wales? You may want to research other cardinals.

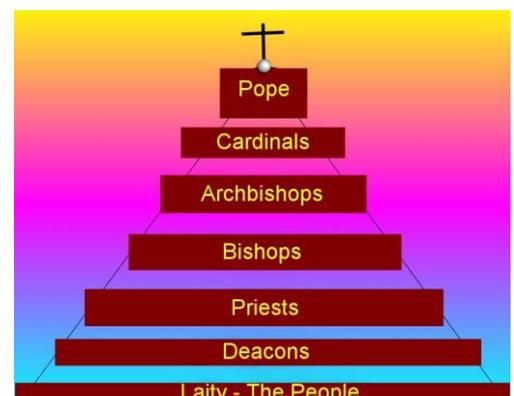
Choose 1 brick of another colour and place it on top of the pyramid. **This represents the Pope.** Who is our Pope? What do you know about him?



Now **try to remove** the blocks on the bottom of the pyramid.

What happens to the pyramid?

The strength or foundations of the Church are the people who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.



The building blocks of the Church are us!