Officials and Roles of the Christian Church

| POPE | The head of the Roman Catholic Church The Bishop of Rome |
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| | Elected by cardinals in an elaborate |
| | ceremony |
| CARDINAL | High ranking member of the Pope's chief |
| | advisory council |
| ARCHBISHOP | The chief bishop of an ecclesiastical |
| | province, e.g. Archbishop of York or |
| | Canterbury. |
| BISHOP | A high ranking official who supervises a |
| | number of local churches. His job is also to |
| | run cathedral schools for priests |
| PRIEST | They hold the services in the village |
| | church, teach religion, baptize, perform |
| | weddings, funerals and holy communion |
| MONK | Religious men who live their lives full of |
| | prayer and labor for the church. They live |
| | in a monastery. |
| NUN | Religious women who live their life full of |
| | prayer and labor for the church. They live |
| | in a convent. |
| LAYMEN | People who are not part of the clergy. They |
| | are ordinary people who attend church and |
| | assist with the services. |

Key Regulations and Conditions of the Christian Church

| CANON LAW | The body of laws governing religious |
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| | practices of the Christian church |
| SIMONY | The buying or selling of a position in a |
| | Christian church. Throughout history the |
| | commonest position is a bishop. |
| HERESY | Religious beliefs or opinions that differ |
| #1 | from the original teachings of a Christian |
| | church official. |