

Order in the Restoration Of the Priesthood and its Offices



The Aaronic Priesthood and the Melchizedek Priesthood were restored to the earth in 1829. Following the organization of the Church in 1830, the Lord gradually revealed priesthood offices, quorums, and councils as needed to provide leadership for the growth of the Church.

Time Line of the Restoration

Aaronic Priesthood:	15 May 1829 (D&C 13)
Melchizedek Priesthood:	May or June 1829 (D&C 128:20)
Apostles, elders, priests, teachers, and deacons:	April 1830 (D&C 20:38-60)
Bishop:	4 February 1831 (D&C 41:9-10)
High priests:	June 1831 (heading to D&C 52)
First Presidency:	1832-33 (D&C 81; 90)
Patriarch:	18 December 1833 (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith [1976], 38-39)
High council:	17 February 1834 (D&C 102)
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles:	1835 (D&C 107:23-24) Seventies:
	1835 (D&C 107:25)
First Quorum of the Seventy:	1835 (D&C 107:26, 93-97)

In our day the Lord continues to give revelations about the organization and responsibilities of the priesthood to guide the growth of the Church. One example of this is the calling of Area Authority Seventies and the accompanying organization of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Quorums of the Seventy in 1997.