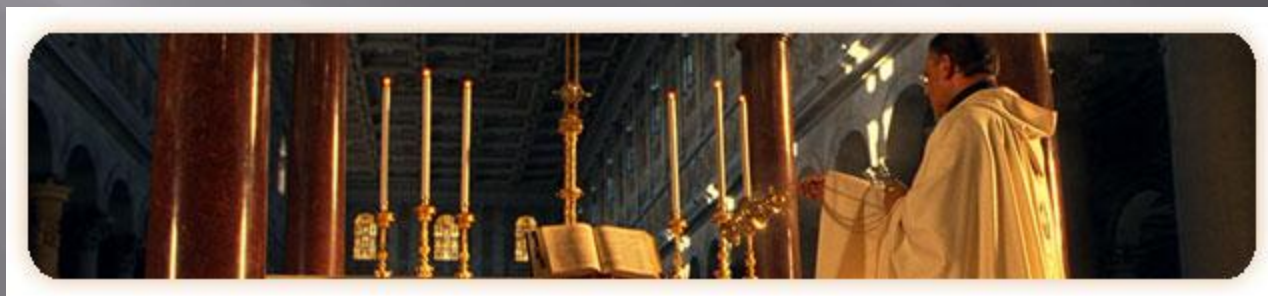




MODELS OF THE CHURCH

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Institution

- ▣ A hierarchy of ministries
- ▣ Continue Christ's mission
- ▣ Reflecting a need for order, unity and consistency of teaching



Mystical Communion

- ▣ Mysterious and intimate spiritual union with God and each other through the Body of Christ.



Sacrament

- ▣ Our responsibility to be, as sacraments are, the visible presence of God on earth and His Grace.
- ▣ Sacraments are communal realities and not individual transactions.



Herald (messenger)

- ▣ The mission of the People of God, the baptised, to proclaim God's Word



Servant

- ▣ The Church should consider itself as part of the total human family.
- ▣ Dialogue with society and assisting persons in a variety of needs



A Community of Disciples

- ▣ Catholics' sense of always being learners, being formed by the scriptures, acting lovingly, sharing in Jesus' mission and service, and being co-responsible for the Church's mission and identity

