

MODELS OF THE CHURCH

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MODEL	MISSION OF CHURCH	MAJOR STRENGTH	MAJOR WEAKNESS	WHAT KEEPS MEMBERS TOGETHER	LEADERS (EXPERTS)	WHO BELONGS
INSTITUTION	to baptize all in order to get eternal life.	gives structure to the Church	hierarchical structure has too many clerical overtones.	external discipline (pray, pay, obey)	Clergy (pastors)	Catholic Christians
COMMUNITY	union with God in the power of the Spirit	the Spirit is available to all	lack of formal structure leads to spiritualism	internal life of grace	Lay people (ecumenist)	those faithful to the spirit
SACRAMENT	to be a meaningful sign to all mankind, believers and non-believers	structure and availability of Spirit	difficult to preach this model: too inward looking from a theological point of view	life of grace, but externally manifested	those who witness (professional theologians)	those who really witness the prayerful
HERALD	to proclaim the good news of salvation far and wide	rich theology of the word, use of scripture	the gospel is for those who "know" their Scripture (almost too exclusive)	the preaching and acceptance of the word of God	Preachers (Scripture Scholars)	believers in the preached word of God
SERVANT	to renew the face of the earth in the vision of Christ	relevant social gospel	secularistic, where's the spiritual dimension?	those linked in social renewal	Prophets (those engaged in "social work")	those active in social renewal