



## ***Dulles' Models of the Church***

<b><i>Model</i></b>	<b><i>Institution</i></b>
Key Words	teach, sanctify, govern Magisterium Church authority comes from Apostolic Tradition.
Signs and Functions	Pope, bishops, priests Catechism of the Catholic Church Canon Law
Members	all who formally recognize themselves in relationship to an official Church community and Church teachings
Connection to Jesus	Matthew 16:13–20
Early Church	Acts of the Apostles 6:1–7

<b><i>Model</i></b>	<b><i>Mystical Body / Communion</i></b>
Key Words	People of God fellowship unity and diversity of gifts in community Christ is the Head, Church is the Body
Signs and Functions	prayer groups, friendships, and relationship
Members	all who share in the Body of Christ through the grace of the Holy Spirit
Connection to Jesus	John 15:5
Early Church	Acts of the Apostles 4:32–37



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<b><i>Model</i></b>	<b><i>Herald</i></b>
Key Words	Word of God, Conversion, Witness, salvation
Signs and Functions	Bible studies, evangelization, missions, media
Members	all who give witness to their life in Christ and see the Word of God as key
Connection to Jesus	Matthew 28:16–20
Early Church	Acts of the Apostles 2:37–41

<b><i>Model</i></b>	<b><i>Servant</i></b>
Key Words	service to the world, dialogue, liberation, justice, peace, prophetic
Signs and Functions	hospitals Saint Vincent de Paul Society Catholic Campaign for Human Development Habitat for Humanity Catholic Relief Services
Members	all who serve the needs of others as Christ did “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)
Connection to Jesus	John 13:3–15
Early Church	Acts of the Apostles 5:12–16



## ***Dulles' Models of the Church***

<b><i>Model</i></b>	<b><i>Sacrament</i></b>
Key Words	grace nourished by the Sacraments "Be what you have received."
Signs and Functions	Liturgy, communal prayer light and salt for the world (to be a sign of Christ)
Members	all who share in the liturgical life of the Church so as to be transformed by grace to be a sign of Christ in the world
Connection to Jesus	Luke 21:19–20
Early Church	Acts of the Apostles 2:42–47

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## ***Francis' Models of the Church***

<b><i>Model</i></b>	<b><i>Big Tent</i></b>
Key Words	<p>“This church with which we should be thinking is the home of all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people. We must not reduce the bosom of the universal church to a nest protecting our mediocrity.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Pope Francis, <i>La Civiltà Cattolica</i></p>
Signs and Functions	Open doors, missionary efforts, evangelization, welcoming all
Members	all who wish to enter and strive to live the Christian way
Connection to Jesus	Matthew 5:46–48
Early Church	Galatians 3:28 Isaiah 54:2-3

<b><i>Model</i></b>	<b><i>Field Hospital</i></b>
Key Words	<p>“I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Pope Francis, ‘<i>Civiltà Cattolica</i>’</p>
Signs and Functions	Service, mercy, accompaniment
Members	all who serve or are served in the name of the Church
Connection to Jesus	Luke 10:25-37
Early Church	Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7