**Models of the Church Chart**

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| **Model** | **Institution** |
| **Key Words** | teach, sanctify, govern  Magisterium  The Church authority comes from Apostolic Tradition. |
| **Signs and Functions** | Pope, bishops, priests  *Catechism of the Catholic Church*  Canon Law  diocesan directories |
| **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 |

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| **Model** | **Mystical Body / Communion** |
| **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  intimate 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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| **Model** | **Herald** |
| **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 |

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| **Model** | **Servant** |
| **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 |

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| **Model** | **Sacrament** |
| **Key Words** | grace  nourished by the Sacraments  “Be what you have received.” |
| **Signs and Functions** | liturgy  light and salt for the world (to be a sign of Christ)  communal prayer  source of grace |
| **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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