

## Avery Dulles' *Models of the Church*

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<b>Model</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Sacrament</b>	<b>Herald</b>	<b>Servant</b>
<b>PRIME ANALOG</b>	Monarchical, political society with rules, constitution, governing body	Primary groups:  People of God Body of Christ	Sacrament with inner and outer aspect	Herald who receives and passes on message/s	Community for others
<b>CHURCH DEFINED</b>	In terms of its visible structures, and in terms of rights and powers of its officers	As a community of people	In terms of the “symbolic structure of existence”	In terms of each assembly that responds to God’s word	As an agent of the human community
<b>HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	Absent in Patristic period and early Middle Ages; rose in late Middle Ages, and especially in Counter-Reformation peaked at Vatican I.	Seen in:  the Body of Christ: Paul, Rm 12, 1 Cor 12, Augustine, Aquinas,  The People of God: Rm 9, Vatican II	Evidenced by:  Cyprian, Augustine, Rahner, Shillebeeckx and Vatican II	Evidenced by:  Luther, Barth, Bultmann, Kung	Evidenced by:  Bonhoeffer, Teilhard, Vatican II
<b>BONDS OF UNION</b>	Membership to those who profess, communicate, obey	Interior graces and gifts of Holy Spirit; reconciling grace of Christ	Social, visible signs of the grace of Christ	Faith seen as response to gospel	Fellowship among those who serve
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	Those inside the church	Those animated by faith and charity	Witnessing members	Hearers of the Word	World of sisters and brothers
<b>GOAL (BENEFIT)</b>	Eternal life to those inside the church	People now in communion with God	Purify and intensify response to Christ	To herald the message	To keep hope alive
<b>REVELATION</b>	Body of doctrine, received from Christ, to be believed because taught by the church	Personal communion with God	Church is a revelation	In scripture  In personal response	Everywhere and ongoing
<b>MINISTRY</b>	Teach, rule, sanctify for the institution	Fostering of fellowship	Being a sign of Christ	As preacher	Agency of change and liberation