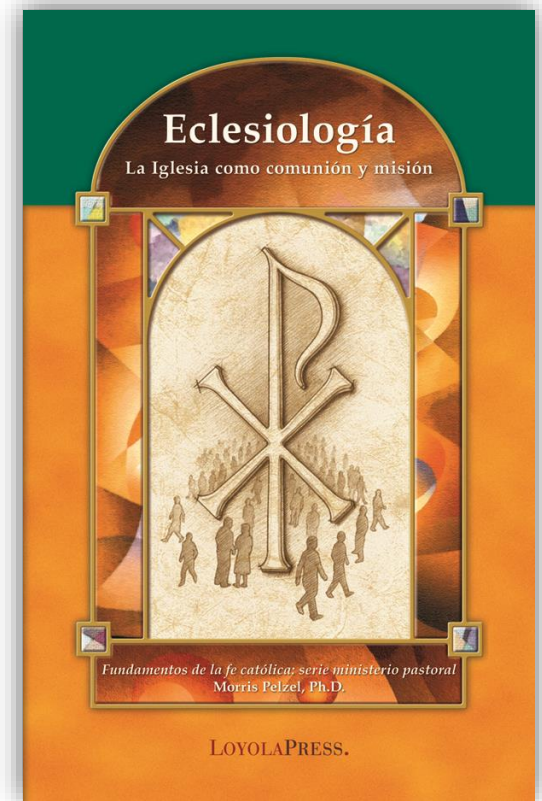


# Ecclesiology: The Church as a Community and a Mission



# Introduction

- The Church as God's community
- The Church as the Holy Ghost's actions
- The Church as a hierarchy
- Scripture and Tradition are inseparable
- The Eucharist: the experience itself and its meaning for the Church

# A Glimpse of the Church

- Communion and vision as the ecclesiastic structure
- The Trinity, source of the communion and the mission of the Church
- The text's point of view:
  - Communion of disciples of Jesus Christ
  - Dei Verbum, 8
  - The Magistery of the Church

# The Church, Community of Disciples

- Lumen Gentium, a new Church in today's world
- Communion, life link of the Church
- The Trinity: a life of perfect communion
- Invited to share God's life
- Communion amongst church members



# Church Levels

- The parish: a communion of families
- The diocese: a communion of parishes
- The universal Church: a communion of local Churches
- Family: a domestic Church
- Communion beyond the visible Church
  - Communion of the saints
  - Communion vs. diversity of thought
  - Diversity: gift of the Holy Spirit
- Church, a communion of disciples

# Charismas, ministries and states of life in the Catholic Church

- What is a ministry?
- What is a charisma?
- Who is charismatic?

# Charismas and ministries...

- The common state of the people of God
- The Church evolves over the course of history
- Correspondence between charismas, tasks and occupations

# States of life in the Church

- Common priesthood of the faithful
- Laic (secular) state
- What is a laic ministry?
- Clerical state
  - Deacons, priests, and bishops
- The devoted life



# Church: Word and Sacrament

- Sacramental rituals
  - History
  - Culture
  - Pastoral
- God's Word
  - Within the Church
  - By the Church
  - The Church under the Word of God

# Introduction

- Moving towards the fullness of divine truth
- Sensus fidelium
- The entire Church learns and teaches
- The sacraments both signify and sanctify
- The Church as the universal sacrament of salvation
- Sacraments by and for the Church

# The Church's Mission

- Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity
- Evangelization: the deepest component of the Church
- Essential moments in evangelization
- The New Evangelization
- Evangelization of cultures

# The Culture

- Basic concepts
- The Word's presence in culture
- A multicultural Church
- The multicultural Church in the United States
- The challenge of the Church to culture and subcultures



# The Church's Mission

- Dichotomy between the Church and the world
- Evangelization in context
- From the Gospels to the evangelical attitude

# The Church's Mission

- In the world, but without being from the world
- Apostolic Constitution: Gaudium et Spes
- What is the world?
- The world created for the Church
- The Church's Social Doctrine

# The Church's Social Doctrine

- Basic concepts
- Principles
  - Human life and dignity
  - A call to family, community and participation
  - Rights and duties
  - Options for the poor
  - The dignity of work and workers' rights
  - Solidarity
  - Concern with Creation

# Signs of the Church

- One, holy, catholic and apostolic
- Holy, infallible
- Sanctity: genuine and imperfect
- Unity in the Catholic Church
- Catholicism: fullness in giving and receiving



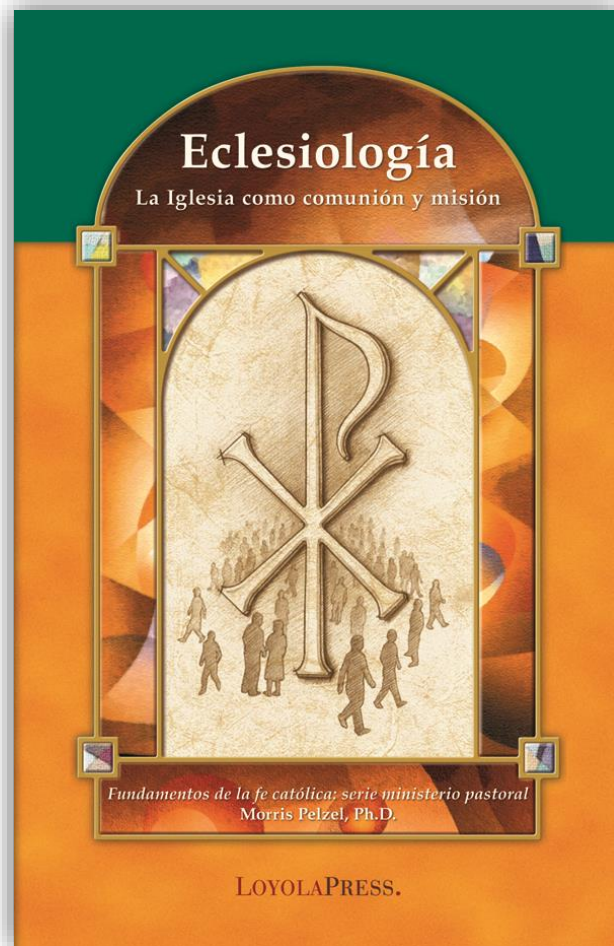
# Pastoral Applications

- How do you perceive the Church?
- Make the Church dynamic through pastoral activity with families
- Make the Church dynamic through biblical pastoral activity
- Relationship between the Church and the ministry

# Theological Exercise

- In small groups, write what you believe about the Church, based on Scripture, liturgy, catechism, and pastoral activity.

# Our text



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