



# HOME IMPROVEMENT

Give Your Faith a Remodel

# Home Improvement





“ Each family finds within itself a summons that cannot be ignored, and that specifies both its dignity and its responsibility: „ family, become what you are.

Pope Saint John Paul II – *Familiaris Consortio*



Family, Become What You Are

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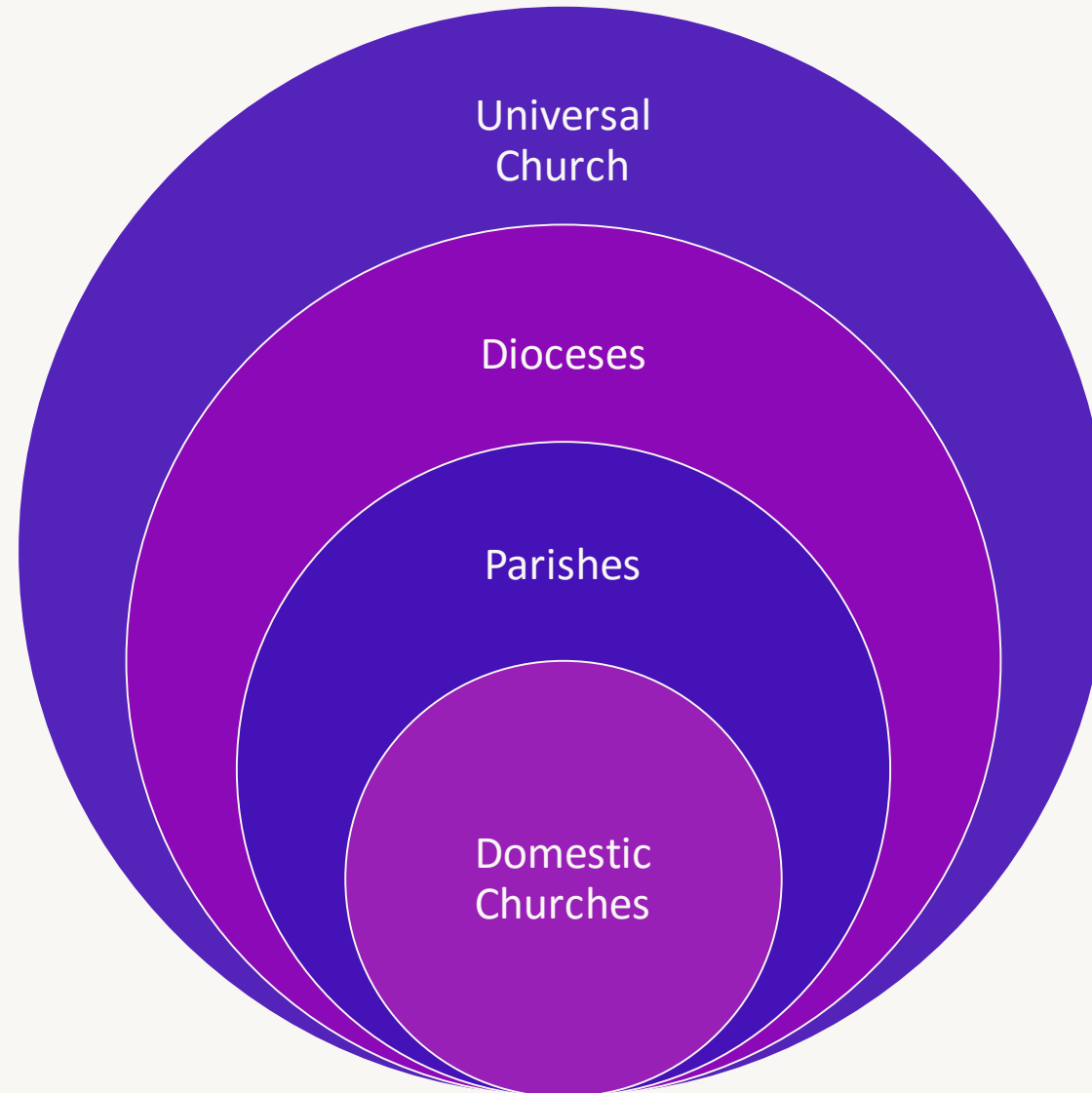
The family is, so to speak,  
the domestic church

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Second Vatican Council – *Lumen Gentium*



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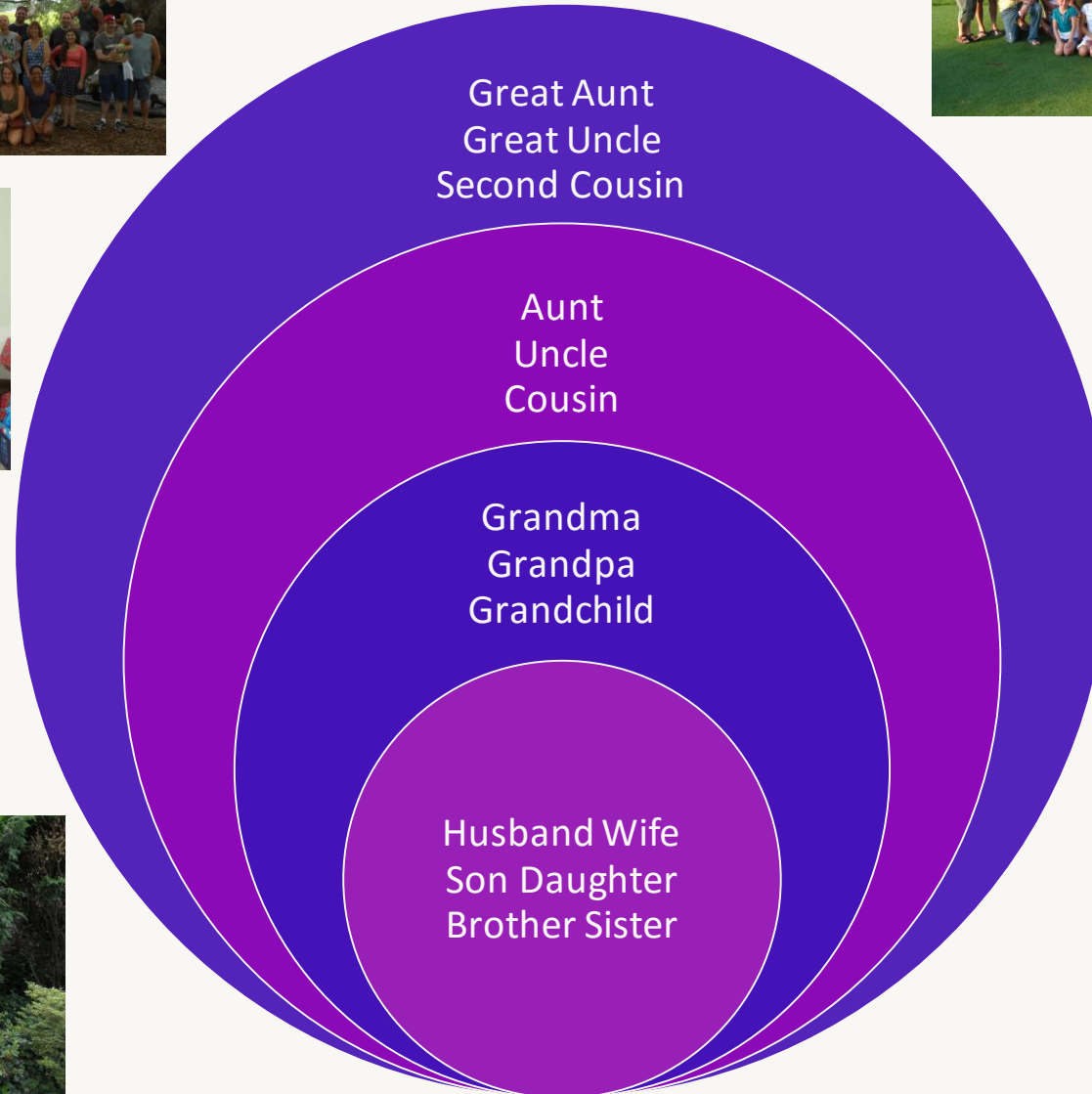
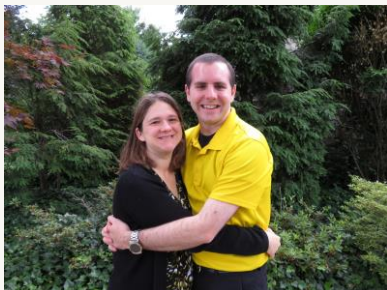
The family is not  
merely *like* the Church,  
but is truly Church.

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NCCB – *A Family Perspective in Church and Society*



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No domestic church does all this perfectly. But neither does any parish or diocesan church. All members of the Church struggle daily to become more faithful disciples of Christ.

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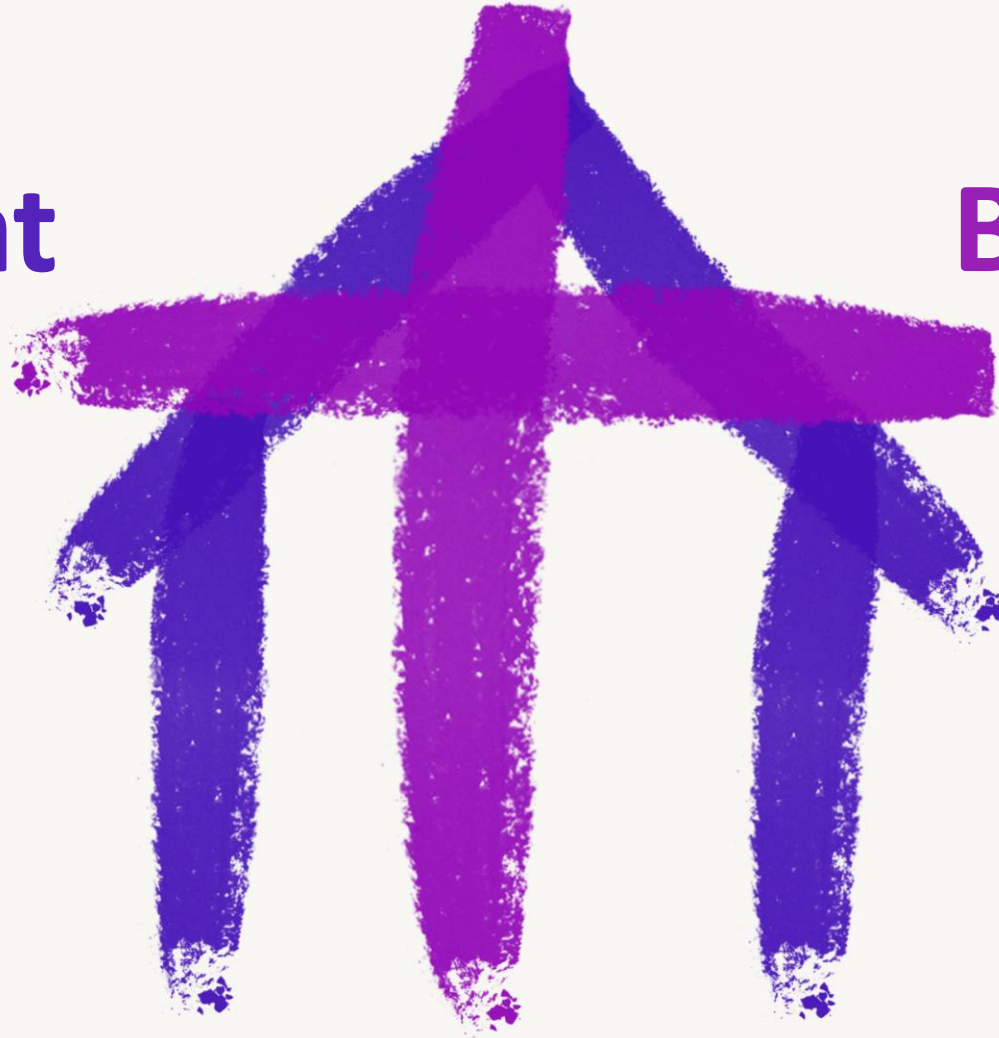
NCCB – *Follow the Way of Love*





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“ The family has well deserved the beautiful name of ‘domestic church’. This means that there should be found in every Christian family the various aspects of the entire Church. ”

Pope Blessed Paul VI – *Evangelii Nuntiandi*



# Models of Church

Institution

Mystical Communion

Sacrament

Herald

Servant



# Institution

“ Christ, established and ever sustains here on earth his holy Church, the community of faith, hope, and charity, as a visible organization through which he communicates truth and grace to all men. ”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*





## Institution

“ The family is in itself a small society, and the existence of all large societies – nation, state, Church – depends on it. ... The family is the primary institution at the base of our existence as human beings. ”

Karol Cardinal Wojtyla – *Love and Responsibility*

# Institution





# Reflection

- How have you experienced Institution in your domestic church?
- How can you grow or deepen your experience of Institution?
- What questions do you have about the Institution model?



# Mystical Communion

“ God does not make men holy and save them merely as individuals, without bond or link between one another. Rather has it pleased Him to bring men together as one people. ”

Second Vatican Council – *Lumen Gentium*



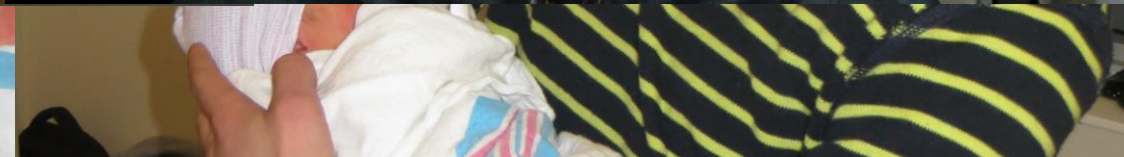


# Mystical Communion

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Infused by the Holy Spirit, this powerful love is a reflection of the unbroken covenant between Christ and humanity that culminated in his self-sacrifice on the cross.”

Pope Francis – *Amoris Laetitia*





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# Reflection

- How have you experienced Mystical Communion in your domestic church?
- How can you grow or deepen your experience of Mystical Communion?
- What questions do you have about the Mystical Communion model?



# Sacrament

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The Church is a kind of sacrament of intimate union with God and of the unity of all mankind; that is, she is a sign and instrument of such union and unity.

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Avery Cardinal Dulles – *Models of the Church*



# Sacrament

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If God is not experienced in the ordinariness and imperfection of our homes, the Good News proclaimed and sacramentally ritualized by the institutional Church will be regarded as foreign and incredible rather than the fulfillment of our most urgent questions and striving.

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Florence Caffrey Bourg – *Where Two or Three are Gathered*



# Sacrament

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For those who see with the eyes  
of faith, there is no ordinary  
experience that cannot serve as  
an instrument of grace.

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Florence Caffrey Bourg summarizing Karl Rahner



# Sacramento





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# Sacrament





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# Reflection

- How have you experienced Sacrament in your domestic church?
- How can you grow or deepen your experience of Sacrament?
- What questions do you have about the Sacrament model?



“ Church is gathered and formed by the word of God. The mission of the Church is to proclaim that which it has heard, believed, and been commissioned to proclaim. ”

Avery Cardinal Dulles – *Models of the Church*





Herald

“

The family, like the Church,  
ought to be a place where  
the Gospel is transmitted and  
from which the Gospel radiates. ”

Pope Blessed Paul VI – *Evangelii Nuntiandi*









# Reflection

- How have you experienced being Herald in your domestic church?
- How can you grow or deepen your experience of being Herald?
- What questions do you have about the Herald model?



# Servant

“ The Church announces the coming of the Kingdom not only in word, through preaching and proclamation, but more particularly in work, in her ministry of reconciliation, of binding up wounds, of suffering service, of healing. ”

Richard Cardinal Cushing – *The Servant Church*









Servant

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The Christian family is called to be a model of generosity and charity to those in need, especially of what the family is, a community of love, and of what the family, in fact, has – love. ”

*NCCB – A Family Perspective in Church and Society*

















# Reflection

- How have you experienced being Servant in your domestic church?
- How can you grow or deepen your experience of being Servant?
- What questions do you have about the Servant model?



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