



In the building up of Christ's Body various members and functions have their part to play. There is only one Spirit who, ... gives His different gifts for the welfare of the Church. What has a special place among these gifts is the grace of the apostles to whose authority the Spirit Himself subjected even those who were endowed with charisms.

Giving the body unity through Himself and through His power and inner joining of the members, **this same Spirit produces and urges love among the believers.**

The Head of this Body is Christ. He is the image of the invisible God **He is** before all creatures and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the Body which is the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the first place. **All the members ought to be moulded in the likeness of Him, until Christ be formed in them.**

From Him "the whole body, supplied and built up by joints and ligaments, attains a growth that is of God". He continually distributes in His body, that is, in the Church, gifts of ministries in which, by His own power, we serve each other unto salvation so that, carrying out the truth in love, we might through all things grow unto Him who is our Head.

In order that we might be unceasingly renewed in Him, He has shared with us His Spirit who, existing as one and the same being in the Head and in the members, gives life to, unifies and moves through the whole body. This He does in such a way that His work could be compared by the holy Fathers with the function which the principle of life, that is, the soul, fulfills in the human body

Christ loves the Church as His bride, ...He fills the Church, which is His body and His fullness, with His divine gifts so that it may expand and reach all the fullness of God.✠

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In the human nature united to Himself the Son of God, by overcoming death through His own death and resurrection, redeemed man and re-molded him into a new creation. By communicating His Spirit, Christ made His brothers, called together from all nations, mystically the components of His own Body.

In that Body the life of Christ is poured into the believers who, through the sacraments, are united in a hidden and real way to Christ. Through Baptism we are formed in the likeness of Christ a oneness with Christ's death and resurrection is both symbolized and brought about. Partaking... in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with Him and with one another.