

THE CONTEXT OF A CONTINUATION
TO THE ST. KATHARINE'S SCHEMA

10. Unity is essential to the Church which is a communion of faith and sacramental life. The essential unity of the koinonia is grounded in the presence of the Holy Spirit to the koinonia. The Spirit who leads into all truth is the same Spirit who inspired the Sacred Writers, bestows his gifts on the Church, empowers the ordained ministry for eucharistic episcopē, acts in the sacraments and promotes the bond of peace and charity among the local Churches.
11. One of the principles of the visible unity of the koinonia is the bishop who is the focus of unity of the local church and represents his local church in the college of bishops which is a visible manifestation of the koinonia of the whole Church. By the third century there was a $\tau\kappa\varsigma\iota\varsigma$ or order discernible within the koinonia. Local Churches were grouped around the great sees, Rome, Alexandria and Antioch and later Constantinople and Jerusalem. Rome was the place of the martyrdom of both Peter and Paul and thus the local Church of Rome was accorded a precedence within the $\tau\kappa\varsigma\iota\varsigma$. The bishop of Rome was regarded as $\pi\alpha\tau\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\tau\eta\varsigma$ of the college of bishops. As the only see of apostolic foundation in the West the bishop of Rome became the Patriarch of the West.
12. Though Anglicans and Roman Catholics differ on the significance of this development they are at one on the insistence that unity is of the essence of the Church. Despite the visible separation in the 16th century of the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England, the Holy Spirit continued to abide in the Church. Although visible communion between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church in the episcopal college was broken,

many elements fostering the unity of the Church remained in each Church. Under the dynamic action of the Spirit each Church strove to remain faithful to the faith once delivered to the saints, to proclaim the message of salvation and live the sacramental life of the koinonia.

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