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THE AGREED STATEMENT ON EUCHARISTIC DOCTRINE (WINDSOR 1971):
AN ELUCIDATION

(Amended paragraph 4, final sub-paragraph, to ARCIC 199/
Windsor/4)

There is therefore one, historical, unrepeatable sacrifice, offered once for all by Christ and accepted once for all by the Father. In the celebration of the memorial Christ in the Holy Spirit unites His people with himself in a sacramental way so that the Church enters into the movement of his self-offering. In consequence, even though the Church is active in the celebration, this adds nothing to the efficacy of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross, because the action is itself the fruit of this sacrifice. The Church in celebrating the eucharist gives thanks for the gift of Christ's sacrifice and identifies itself with the will of Christ who has offered himself to the Father on behalf of all mankind.