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### JURISDICTION

In 1870 the technical language of Roman Catholic canon law distinguished the power of order from the power of jurisdiction. The First Vatican Council explains the pastoral office of the Bishop of Rome for the koinonia in terms of ordinary, immediate, universal jurisdiction. The intent of the Council was to affirm the equality of all bishops in their power of order and yet articulate the specific service which the Bishop of Rome was to perform for the whole koinonia. This service was explained in terms of the power of jurisdiction, i.e., the public power of a legitimate ecclesiastical superior to govern the faithful in matters pertaining to their spiritual welfare. The First Vatican Council describes the governing of the koinonia by the Bishop of Rome as a service which comes to him because of his office (jurisdictio ordinaria, non delegata) and which he may exercise directly (immediata) over the whole koinonia or any part of it (universalis).

The First Vatican Council did not explicitate how bishops were united by the power of order and how the ordinary and immediate jurisdiction of a bishop over his diocese was related to the universal jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome over the koinonia. In paragraph 24(d) of the Venice 1976....

of the Holy See. The Council implemented the doctrine of the primacy  
of the Pope of Rome by affirming that the episcopal college,  
with the Pope as its head, has supreme authority in  
the Church. This is to be understood that its power  
is always to be seen in these collegial contexts.  
The Council's pronouncement on this subject is <sup>(this among other)</sup>  
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the episcopal college is not merely an advisory  
body. This is fully acknowledged (as regards its  
deliberations) in one sense, it needs to be for  
its proper exercise of its responsibility in the life of the Church.  
The report of bishops ~~is a fundamental part of~~  
does not express collegiality, since it can only offer  
advice. Because prayer would be justly advanced  
if it were seen that the primacy is essential within  
of not merely above the college of bishops.