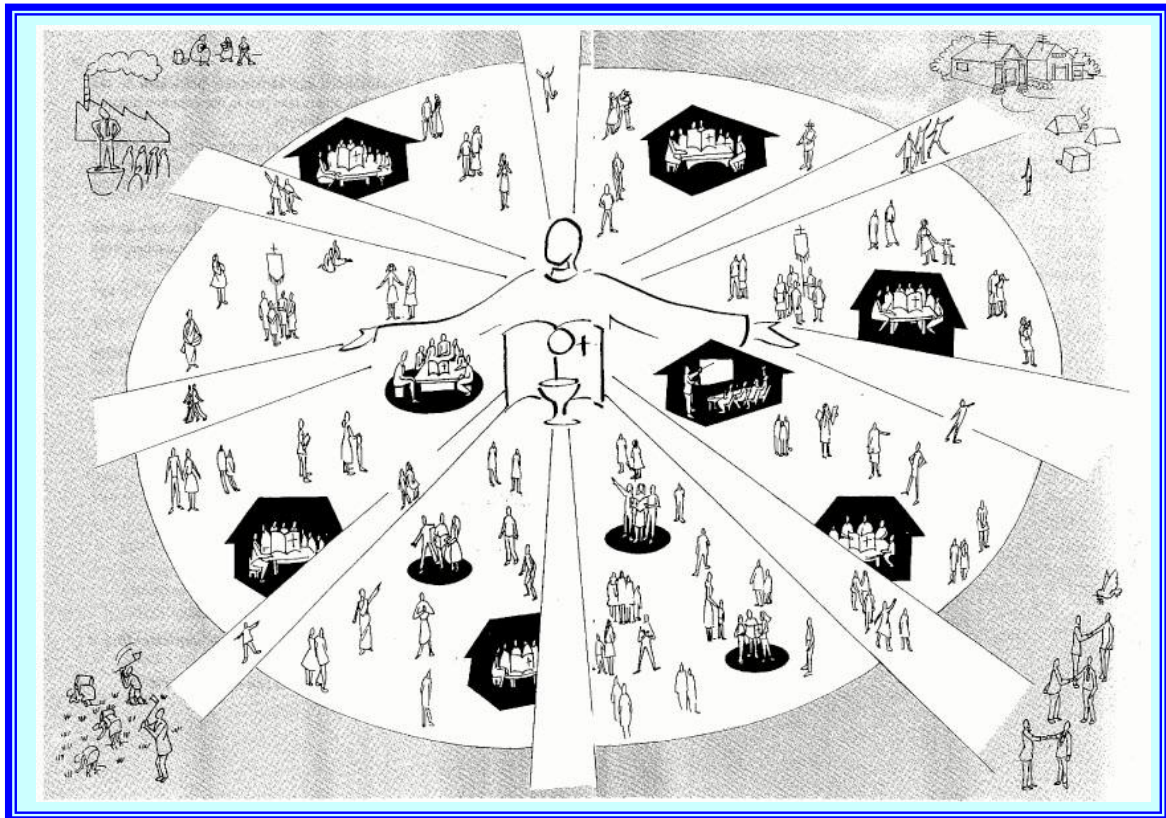


Sharing the Vision:



- That the Church becomes a participatory Church where all the faithful, both cleric and lay people participate in Christ's life and mission.
- In a participatory Church we talk first of our common mission as Christians and then of the different callings of clergy and laity.
- All the faithful celebrate their participation in the life of Christ and his mission by celebrating the Eucharist together.
- There is a feeling that the more we participate in Church services and tasks, the more we move towards a participatory Church. This need not be so.
- In fact, we get so busy in church activities that it may take us away from our main responsibility to our families and society
- The late Pope John Paul II in his document on the Lay person's mission in 1988 states that one of the greatest mistakes we have made in the church is that for many lay people there is little or no connection between their faith and their everyday lives in society, in their families and at their leisure.
- We read the Gospel in Luke 4:16-18 and listen to what Jesus said about his mission. "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogues, as his custom was, on the Sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,'"

- The mission of Jesus was to heal, to liberate, to free us from sin and to bring about God's reign in our hearts and in our world. He wanted to show us how much God loves us.
- He sends us on this very same mission and promises to be with us through it all.
- SCC is one of the best means of participating in Christ's mission in a certain neighbourhood.