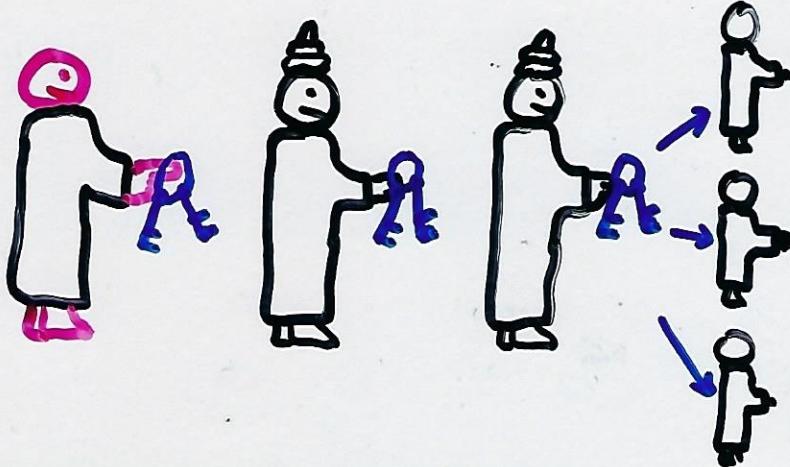
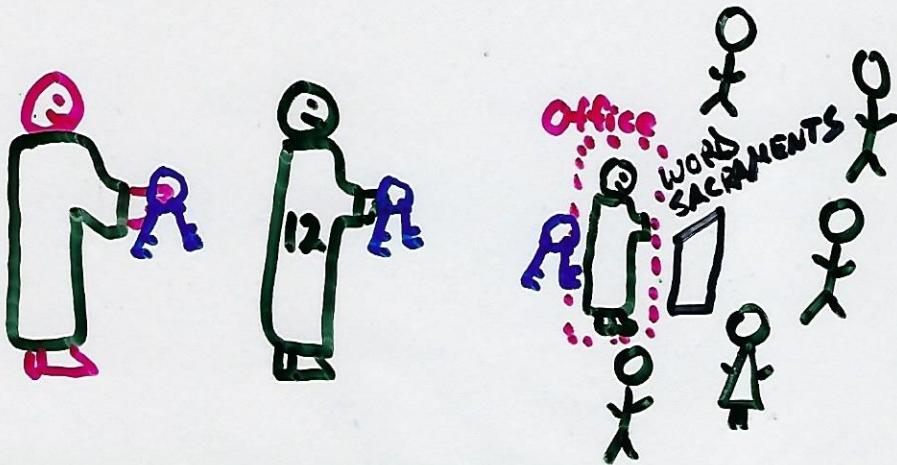


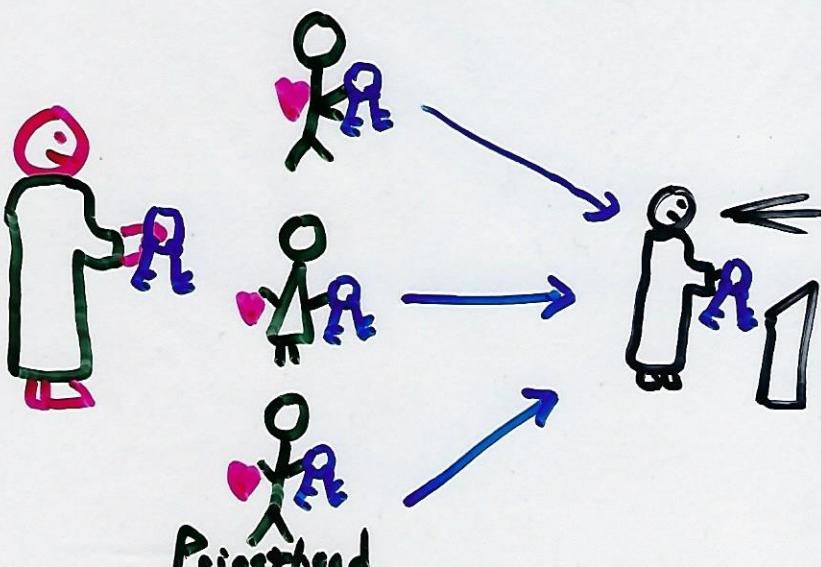
Apostolic Succession
unbroken chain of
consecration of bishops



Papal Supremacy
unbroken chain of Popes



Church is where the
Word and sacraments
are rightly taught
and administered.

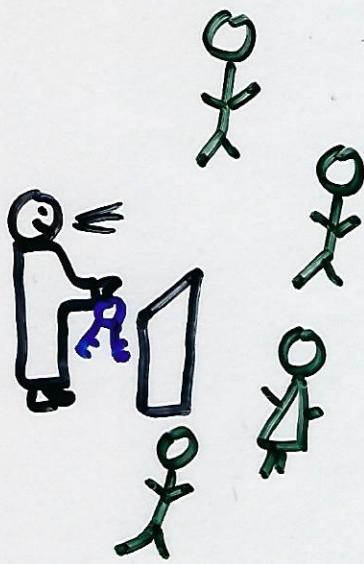


Believers hand over
the keys to the
pastor to use publicly.
(Walther)

Are we church? Where is the church?

- 1) Gathered around a bishop (in the line of succession)
- 2) In communion with the Pope.
- 3) I hold to the correct doctrine and right administration of sacraments.
- 4) I'm with a group of believers.

How do I know this? A pious and enlightened life.
What if we fall into grave sin?



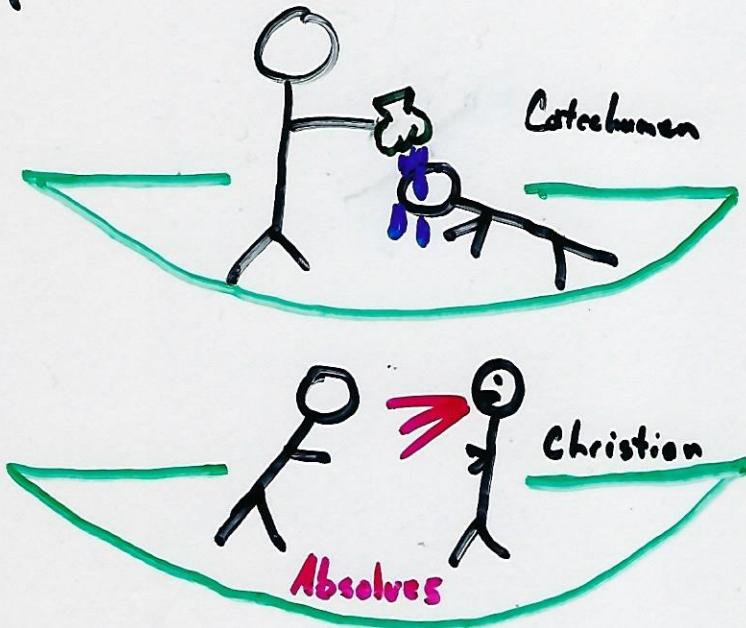
A.



B.

Titus 1:5 ... that you should set in order the things
that are lacking, and appoint elders in
every city as I commanded you.

#67



So in an emergency even a layman absolves and becomes the minister and pastor of another...

#68



In the stead and
by the command of
Christ, I forgive you...

The keys were given to the church and not merely to certain individuals, "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20)

Also add Mt 28:18-20
"...I am with you always..."

In 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them...