

the possible models which the Church as a sociological entity can follow, distinguishing the values of each. He proceeds to weigh all these against the biblical images of the Church as Temple, Body of Christ and Family of God, the most important one among all these. From his very knowledgeable presentations it is clear that Christian life is possible only within a net-work of interpersonal relationships both of which lay their claims upon us and invite us to contribute our best calling us to bear witness to the Church, which at its grassroots was already a fellowship committed to stay together.

In a well documented and highly detailed manner, Martin offers the reader a wealth of insights and information. It is provocative in the sense that it is an inspiration to respond together to the offer and demand of the gospel as a community – as a family – where fellowship and freedom prevails, recapturing and sharing the joy of the original experience of Pentecost all through her life. All in all, the book is a substantial contribution to the understanding of the Church today.