



- The College, of which the pope is the head, has authority over the "People of God." (The People of God is a concept introduced in Lumen Gentium §9; it is unclear whether it is (a) strictly the group of all Roman Catholics or (b) the group of Roman Catholics and other Christians in a state of grace or (c) all Christians.)
- The bishops exercise their universal authority in particular churches.

Figure 2. The Church of the Second Vatican Council