

(6) Joannes Seneca

(Gloss on the Canon law) "They say, indeed, that, in the first primitive church, the office of bishops and priests, and their names, were common; but in the second primitive church, both names and offices began to be distinguished."

(7) Peter Lombard (A.D. 1164)

"The canons determine that two orders only ought, by way of excellency, to be termed sacred, namely, that of the diaconate, and that of the presbyterate, because we read that the primitive church had only these two, and of these alone we have the command of the apostles."

e. As witnessed to by the Roman Catholic Church

"There are three opinions prevalent in this church. Some think that the episcopate is a distinct order from the presbyterate. Some believe that both these orders are one generically, but two specifically, or that they constitute but one order and two degrees. But the prevailing theory is that of those who believe that the episcopate is not a distinct order, but the extension of the order of the presbyterate, by a greater latitude of jurisdiction. To this class belong the master of the sentences, Bonaventura, Thomas Aquinas, Pope Cornelius, Gregory the Great, Alcuin, etc. The council of Trent is with this class of divines, as we may gather from the second canon of the twenty-third session, which makes the priesthood the principal order, and the episcopate only a branch of it. The catechism, too, says, respecting orders, that its highest degree is the priesthood."

-- Thomas Smyth, *Presbytery and Not Prelacy*, The R. L. Bryan Company, Columbia, South Carolina, 1905, p. 415

E. Organized Relationship between Local Churches

1. Scriptural instances of relationship between local churches

Acts 8:5, 12, 14, 25 -- "And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them . . . but when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike . . . Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John . . . And so, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans."

Acts 11:19-23 -- "So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord