

# MultiParish Cluster Models

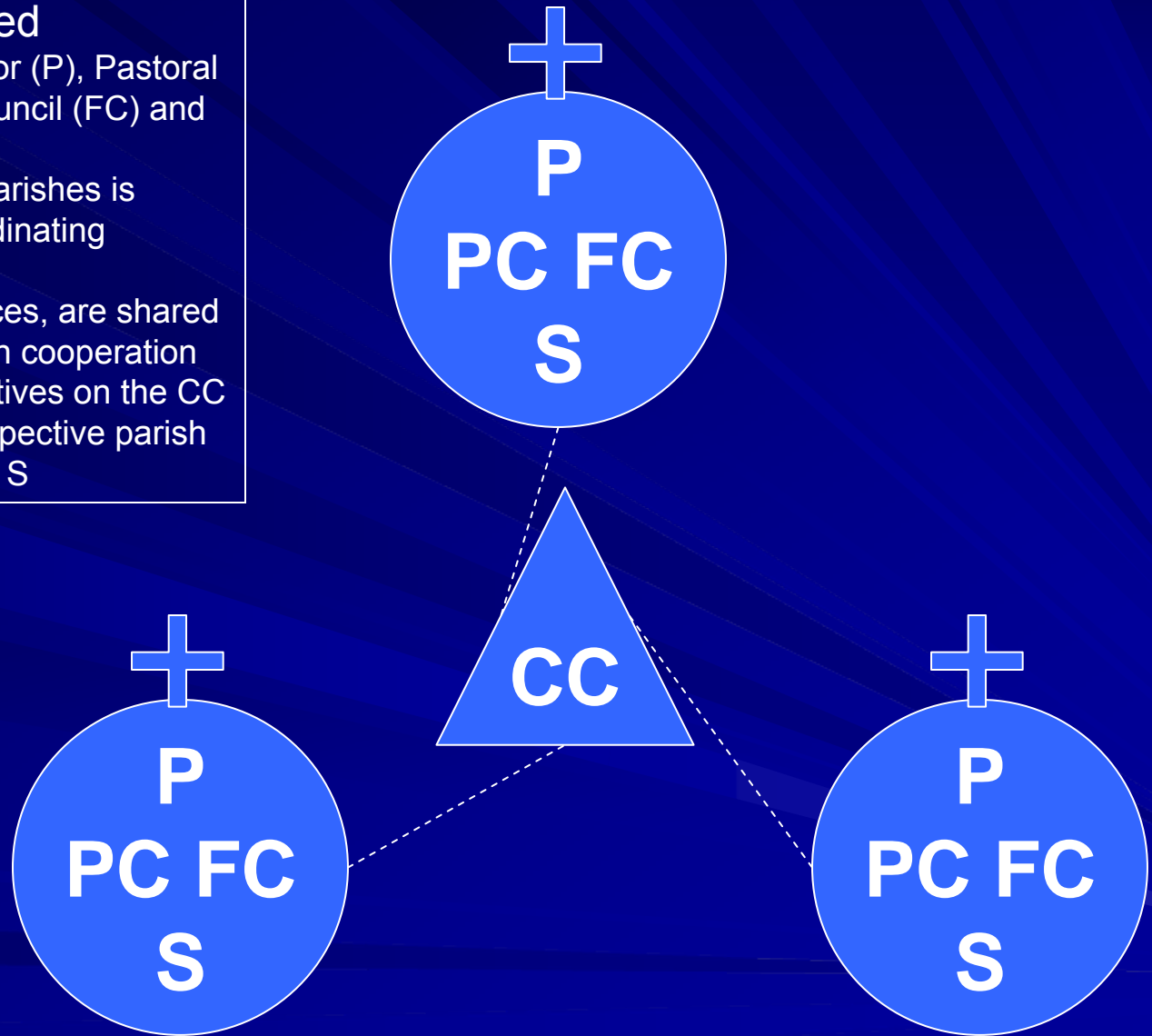
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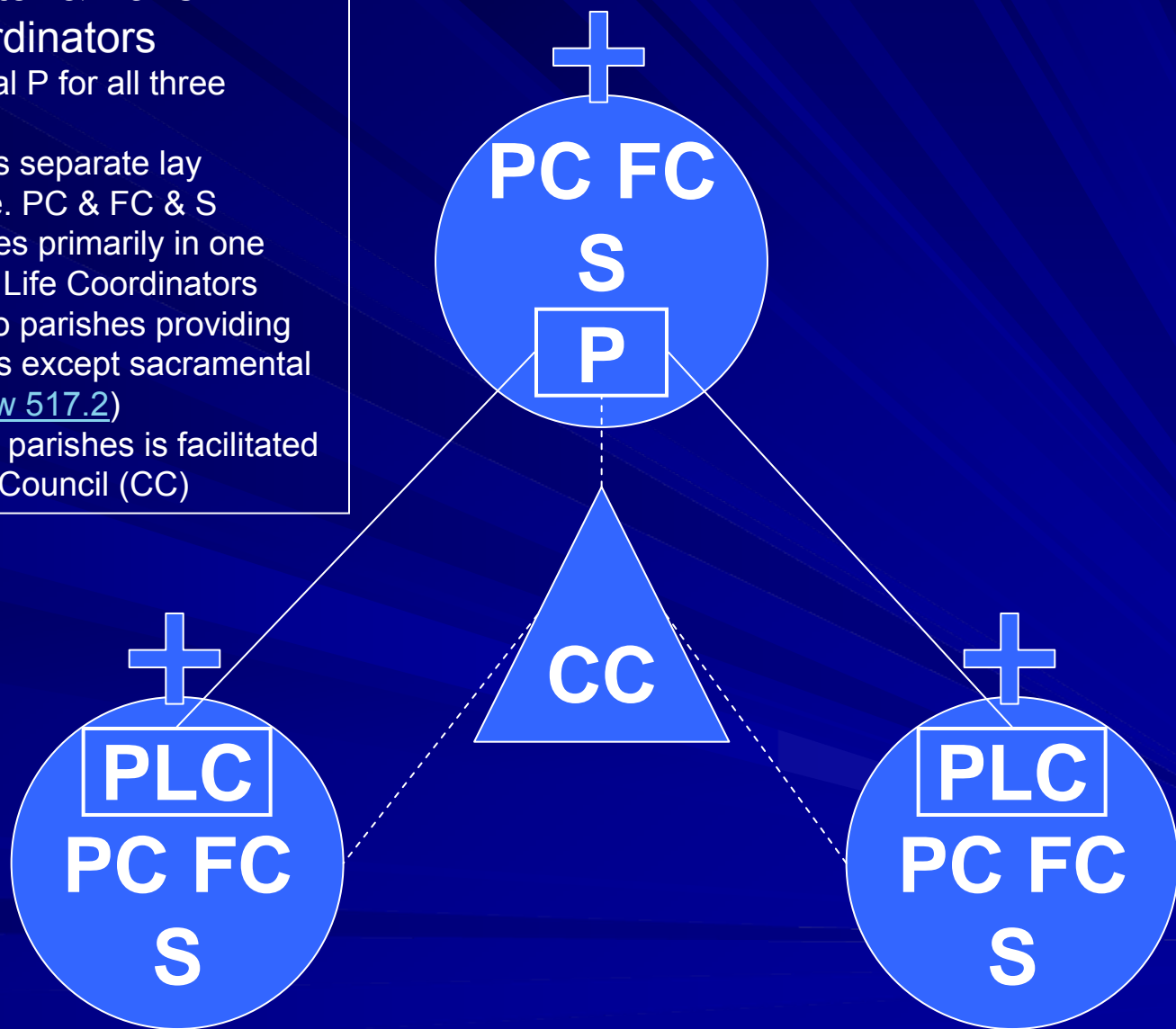
**Model I - Separate Parishes – Coordinated**

- Each parish has a Pastor (P), Pastoral Council (PC), Finance Council (FC) and Staff (S)
- Cooperation between parishes is facilitated through a Coordinating Council (CC)
- Programs, staff, resources, are shared and planning done through cooperation of pastors and representatives on the CC with the support of the respective parish leadership i.e. PC,FC and S



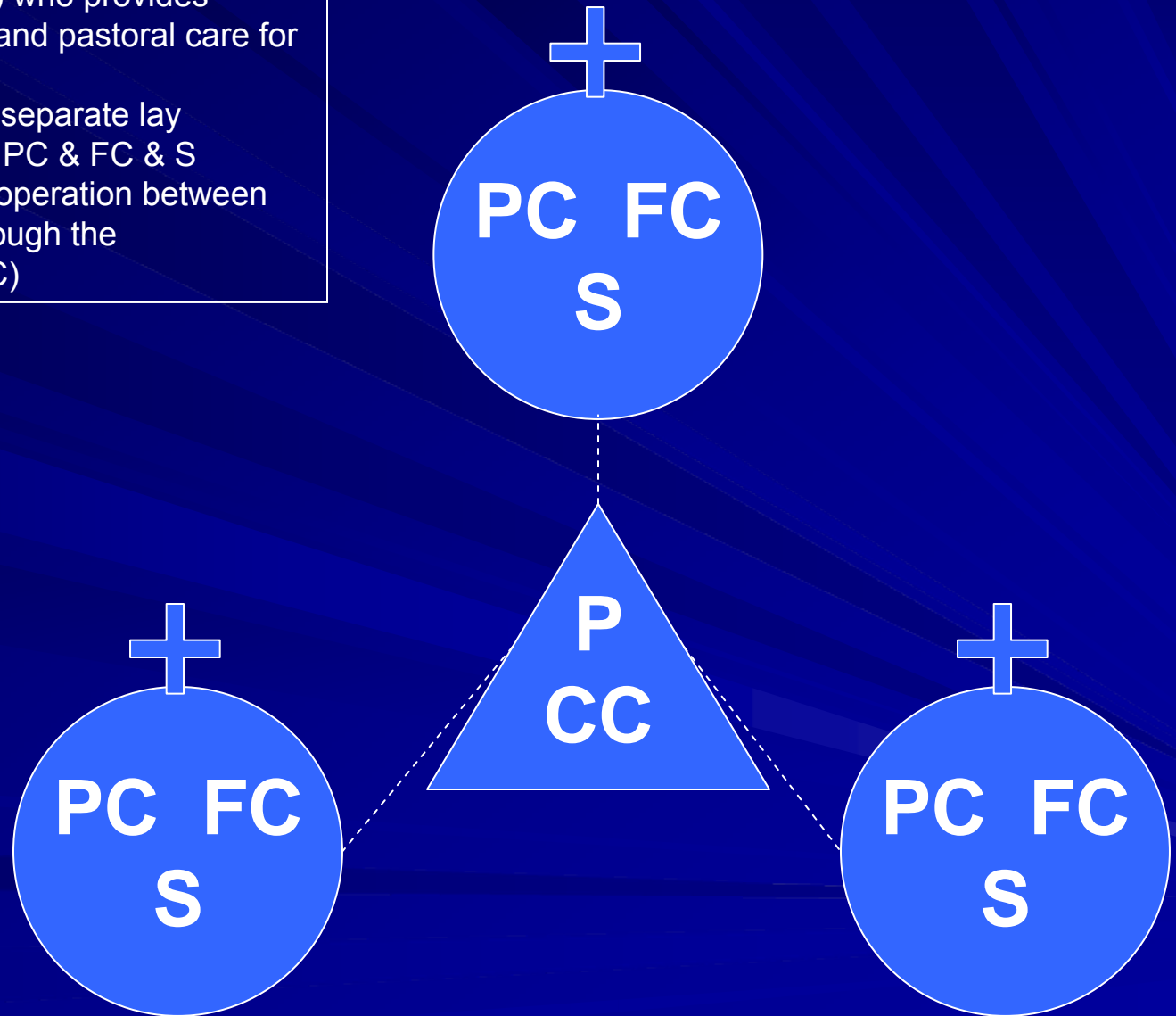
**Model II - Separate Parishes –  
One Pastor & Parish  
Life Coordinators**

- There is one canonical P for all three parishes
- Each parish maintains separate lay leadership structures i.e. PC & FC & S
- The canonical P serves primarily in one parish, while the Parish Life Coordinators (PLC) lead the other two parishes providing pastoral care in all areas except sacramental ministry (see [Canon Law 517.2](#))
- Cooperation between parishes is facilitated through a Coordinating Council (CC)



### Model III - Separate Parishes – One Pastor

- There is one pastor (P) who provides leadership, sacramental and pastoral care for all three parishes.
- Each parish maintains separate lay leadership structures i.e. PC & FC & S
- A greater degree of cooperation between parishes is facilitated through the Coordinating Council (CC)

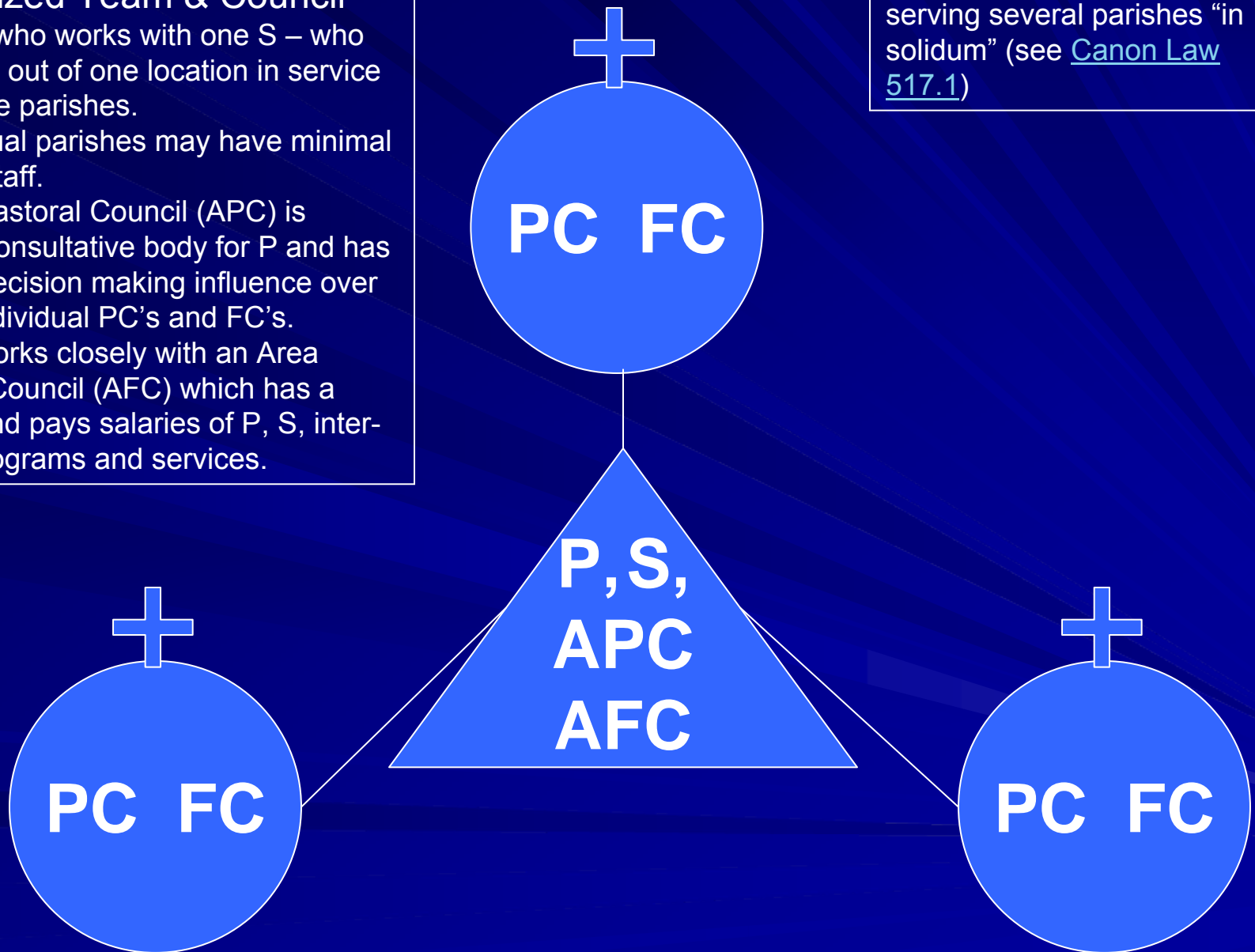


## Model IV - One Pastor –

### Centralized Team & Council

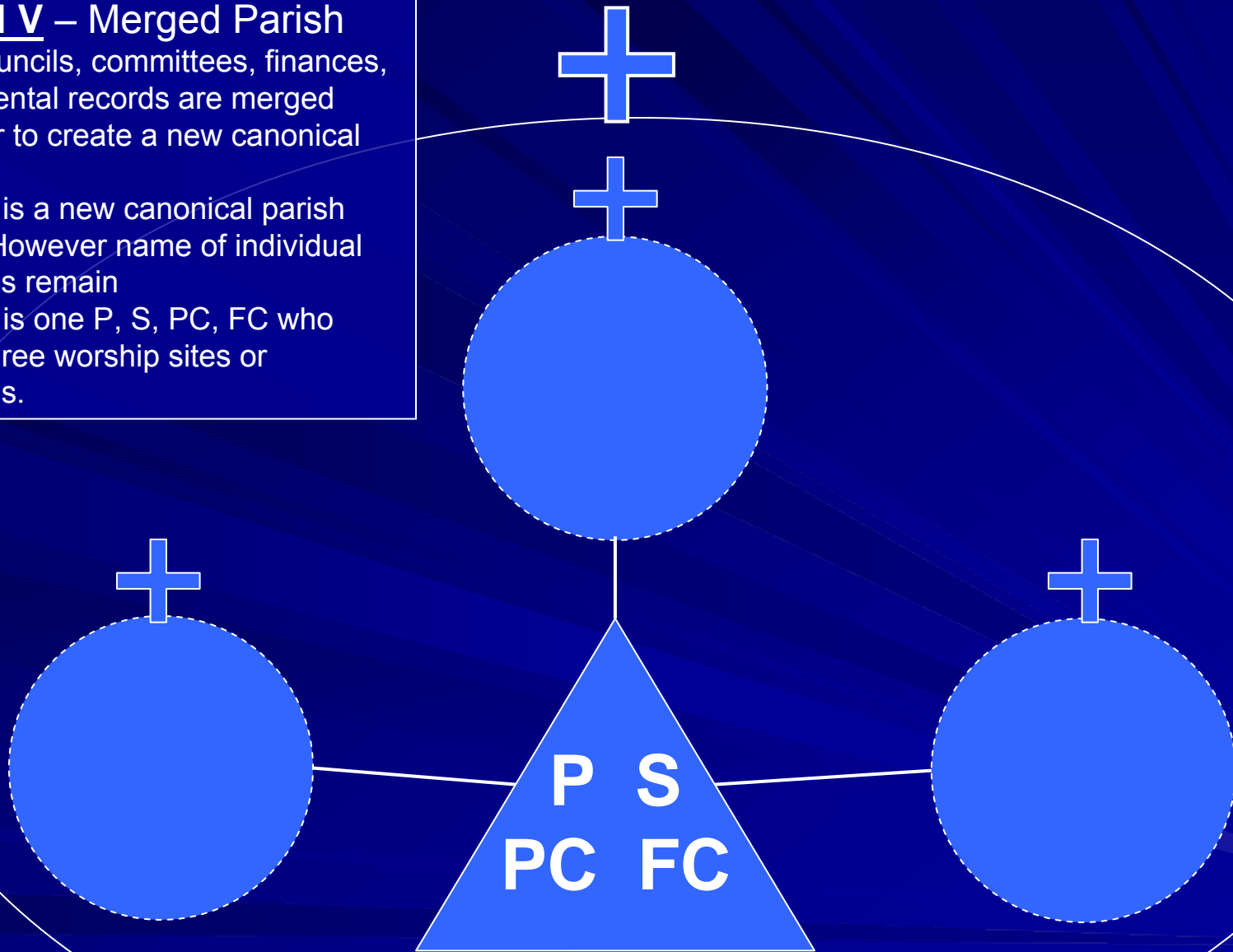
- One P who works with one S – who may work out of one location in service to all three parishes.
- Individual parishes may have minimal support staff.
- Area Pastoral Council (APC) is primary consultative body for P and has greater decision making influence over P than individual PC's and FC's.
- APC works closely with an Area Finance Council (AFC) which has a budget and pays salaries of P, S, inter-parish programs and services.

– A variation of this model has a team of priests serving several parishes “in solidum” (see [Canon Law 517.1](#))



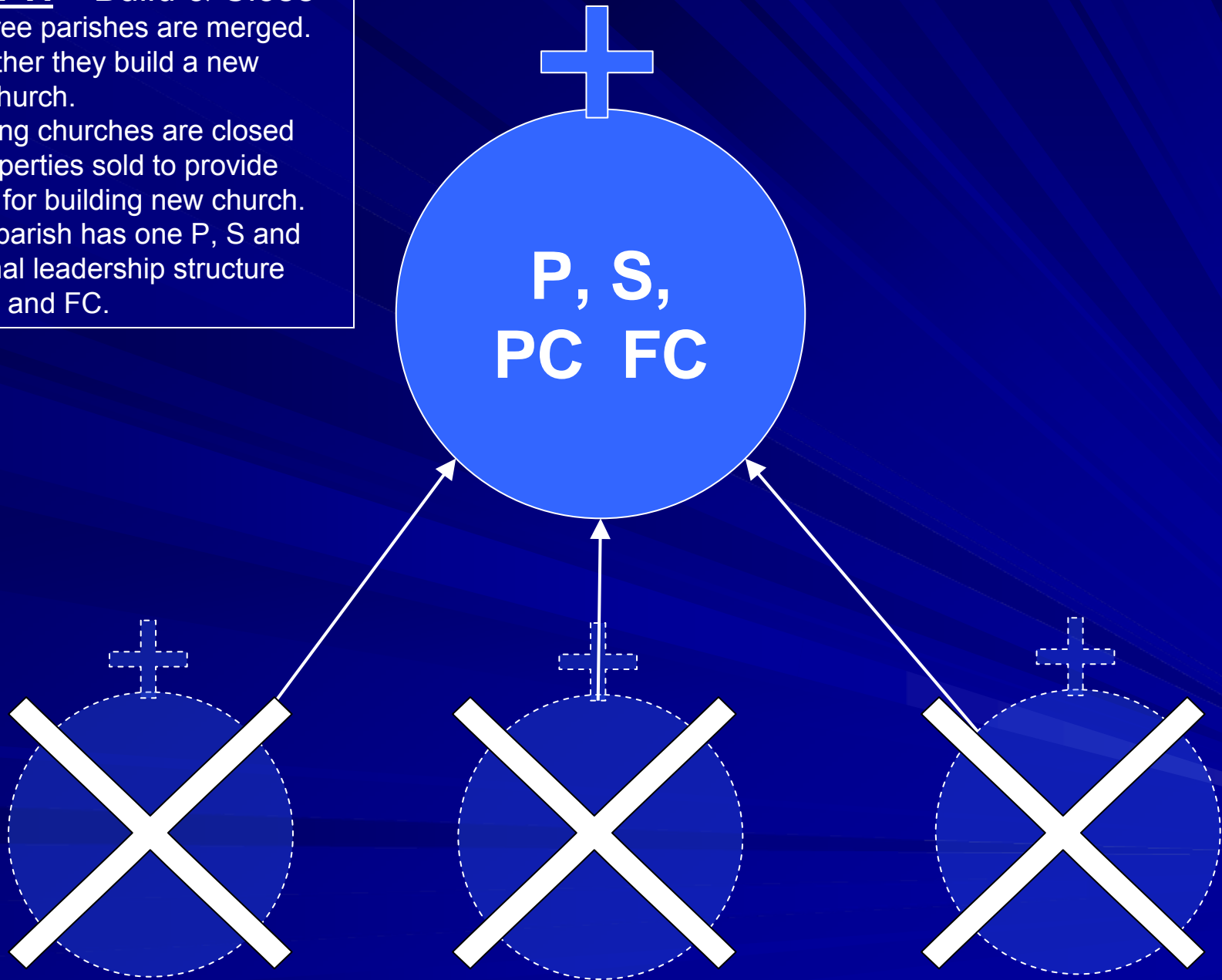
## **Model V** – Merged Parish

- All councils, committees, finances, sacramental records are merged together to create a new canonical parish.
- There is a new canonical parish name. However name of individual churches remain
- There is one P, S, PC, FC who serve three worship sites or churches.



## **Model VI – Build & Close**

- All three parishes are merged.
- Together they build a new larger church.
- Existing churches are closed and properties sold to provide funding for building new church.
- New parish has one P, S and traditional leadership structure with PC and FC.



# Canons 517.1 and 517.2

- *Canon 517.1:* Where circumstances so require, the pastoral care of a parish, or of a number of parishes together, can be entrusted to several priests jointly, but with the stipulation that one of the priests is to be the moderator of the pastoral care to be exercised. This moderator is to direct the joint action and to be responsible for it to the Bishop.
- *Canon 517.2:* If, because of a shortage of priests, the diocesan Bishop has judged that a deacon, or some other person who is not a priest, or a community of persons, should be entrusted with a share in the exercise of the pastoral care of a parish, he is to appoint some priest who, with the powers and faculties of a parish priest, will direct the pastoral care.