

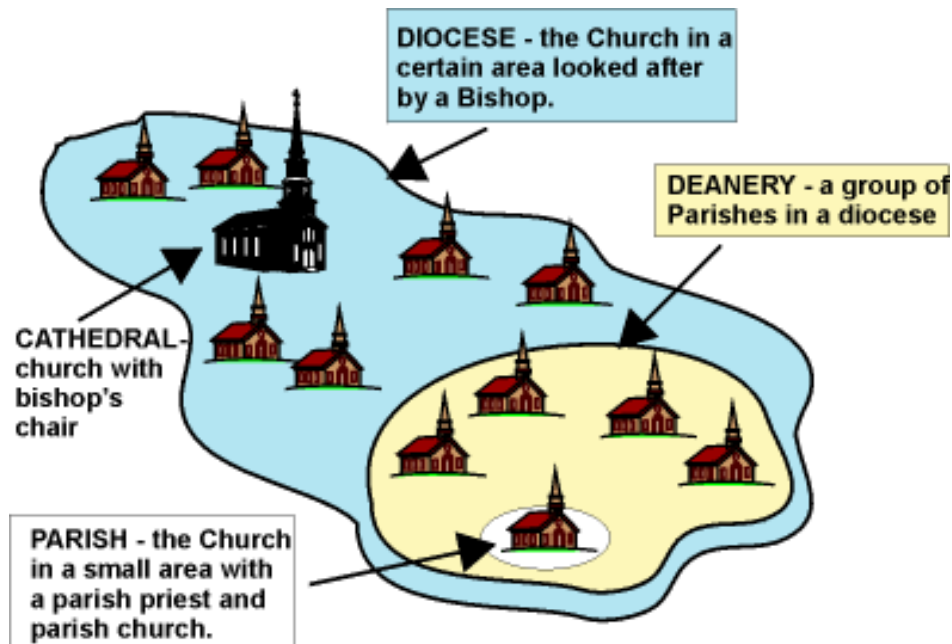
# Organisation In The Church

IF YOU had an important mission to carry out, you would have to be *organised* in order to complete the task properly. The Church has a mission and so must also be organised.

In any particular country the Church is usually organised like this. There may be one or more **dioceses**, each looked after by a bishop. Each diocese is split into smaller areas called **deaneries**. The

smallest Church community is the **parish**, with the local community and a parish priest.

In countries where the numbers of Catholics are few and far between, parishes may be very large. A priest may often have to oversee a number of parishes. See the picture below for further explanation.



## To do

- 1 Fit each name with the right meaning and then write out each sentence.
- 2 **Research** - Use your skills of research to answer as many of the following questions about the Church in England and Wales.

CHURCH

the Church in a small area with a parish priest and parish church.

DEANERY

the Church in a certain area for which a Bishop is responsible.

PARISH

- the main church in a diocese; it has the Bishop's chair in it.

DIOCESE

a group of parishes in a diocese.

CATHEDRAL

the People of God.

- a) What is the name of your diocese?
- b) What is the name of the Bishop?
- c) Can you name three parishes connected with your school?
- d) Who is the leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales?
- e) How many dioceses are there in England and Wales?
- f) Why are some dioceses small in area whilst others are large?