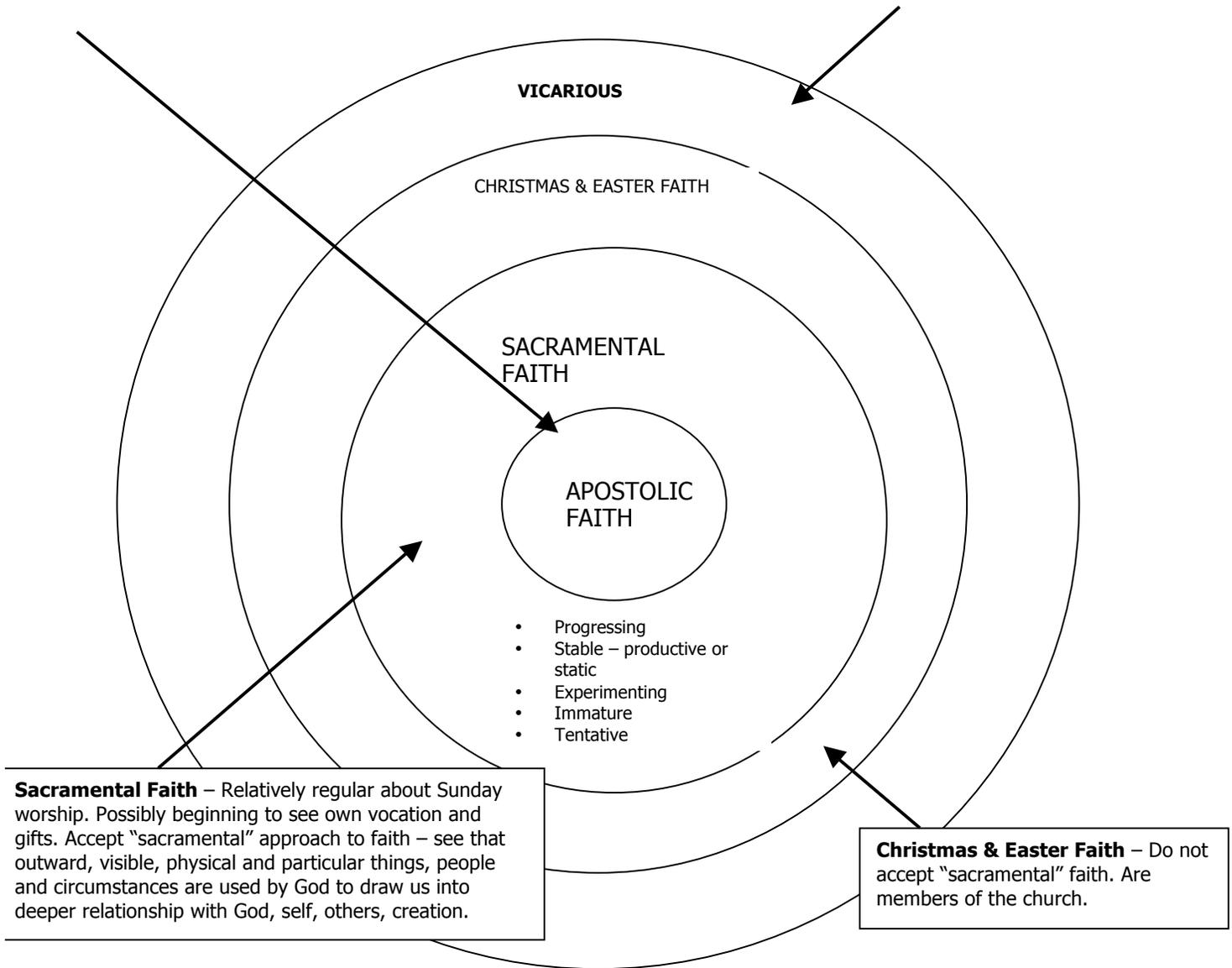


The Shape of the Parish: A Diagram Overview

Apostolic Faith – People with a relatively disciplined, mature, full spiritual life; flexibility with self and others; an experimental and exploratory stance; competent and committed Christians

Vicarious Faith – Do not attend worship; not usually members; but may see the parish as “their parish” or be directly or indirectly influenced by the parish’s life. Connected through geography, family friends.



The model can be used:

- To assess the health of a parish, and
- In developing a strategy that deepens the parish's spiritual life, while staying open the various places people are in their faith journey.