#### "Deus Caritas est" in action

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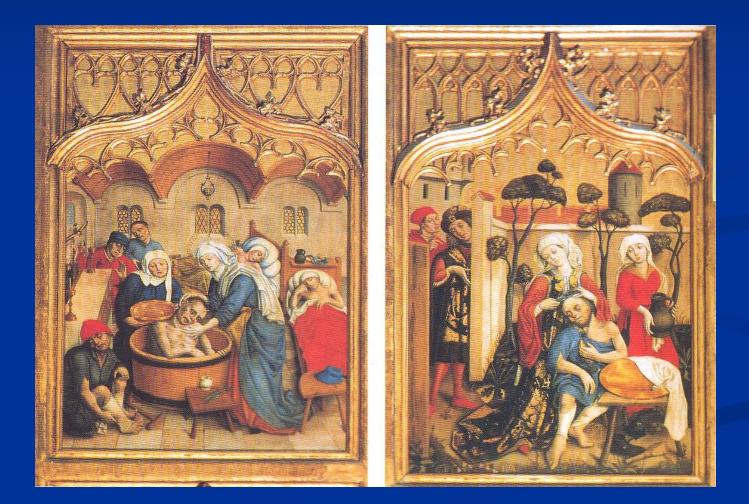
1. Establishing and recognising the theological basis of the work of Caritas



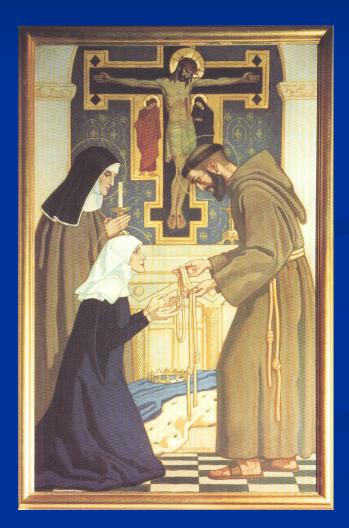
2. What is the purpose to be served by *higher-level charitable structures*?



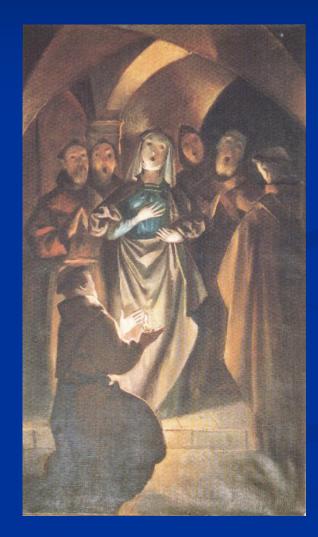
# 2.1. The *task of coordination* for higher-level offices



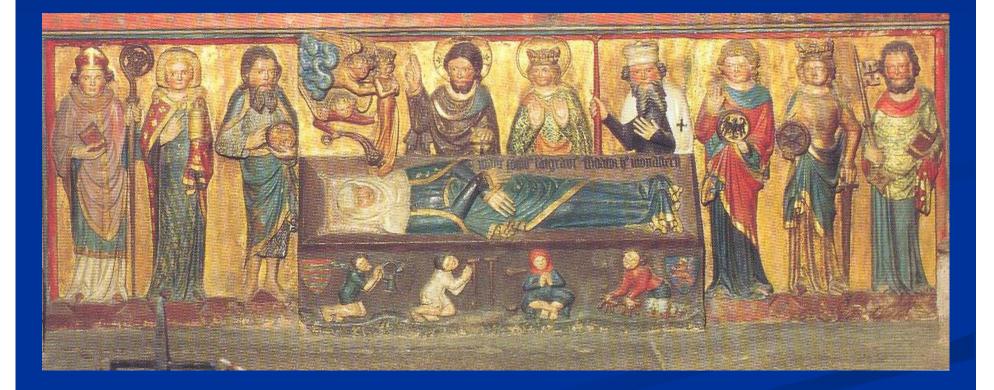
# 2.2. The *supporting role* of higher-level instances



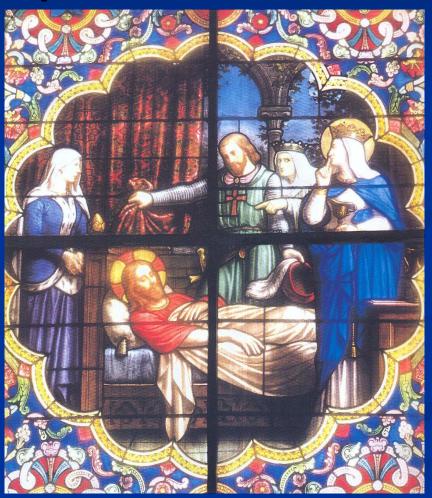
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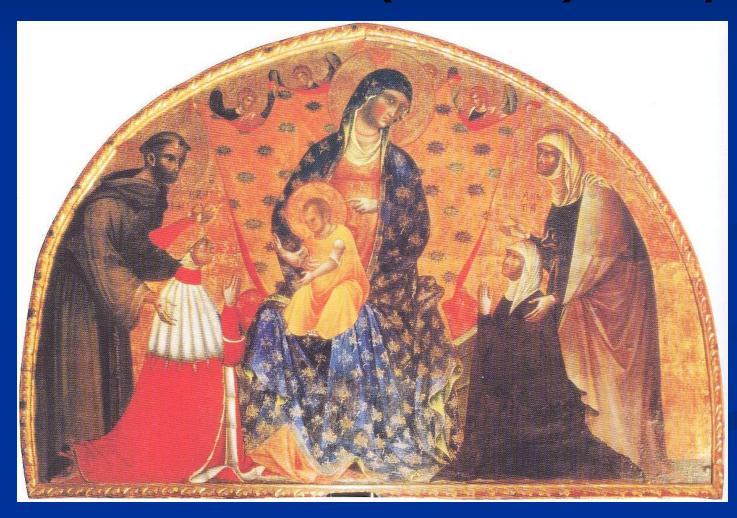
# 2.4. Higher-level offices as global actors



# 3. A sacrament is an interpreted action



# 4. Authoritative interpretation a service of (and to) unity

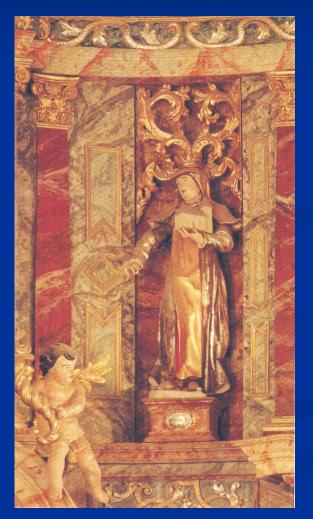


## 4. Authoritative interpretation a service of (and to) unity

#### Three functions:

- Action
- Interpretation
- Discernment

# 5. Church-based professionalisation of caritas



### 6. Nobleness of heart



### Professionalism and nobleness of heart: two key building sites



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# The "heart which sees" has two eyes





