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Answer any **ONE** question.

1. There is no one model that can fully explain the Church-World relationship. Discuss.
2. Which are the basic attitudes and values which contribute to the ongoing development of an ecclesial community? Elaborate on these attitudes and values, while giving examples from *any* author/s you have studied, from local diocesan initiatives/projects and from your own pastoral placements.
3. “All of us within the Church – bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and laity – need to be in conversation or dialogue with one another about the vision. This cannot be stressed strongly enough because so often the disagreements or obstacles that arise in pastoral planning and parish restructuring stem from the fact that people are operating with different ecclesiologies or different models of the Church and do not share the same view” (H. Hubbard, 1998, pp. 17-18). How important is the issue of the vision in planning, and how much is the problem outlined related to our local parish situation?