

**GROWTH** – Now you will have been in the Church long enough to be hearing and embracing the Paracletic language of the Church. This is the language of community: counsel, comfort, discernment, inspiration, preparation. These words signify going through high times and low times; good times and bad times. As long as you are around people, you must always be prepared to be both inspired and deflated; welcomed and rejected; healed and injured. This is our greatest time to learn and practice grace and forgiveness; honesty but gentleness; tough love and agape-love. This is where, if you are truly committed to your church family, you learn to have and maintain PEACE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR, and greater PEACE WITH GOD.