

1. It belongs to the idea of a sacrament that it not only conveys grace, but also signifies it—that it signifies the grace it conveys even as it conveys the grace it signifies.

2. Given the strictly primordial and everlasting reality of God's love and therefore its complete universality or ubiquity, any creature of God's love conveys God's grace, whether or not it signifies it, or signifies it explicitly.

3. But any creature that not only conveys God's grace, as it cannot fail to do simply in being a creature, but also signifies it, or signifies it explicitly, is a sacrament of God's love because it signifies the grace it conveys even as it conveys the grace it signifies.

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