

The diagram is a massive, intricate flowchart titled "The Great Chain of Being" by David J. Velleman. It provides a comprehensive visual representation of the hierarchical structure of the Catholic Church. At the very top is the Pope, followed by the Roman Curia, which is divided into several departments and offices. Below this, the chart branches out into various regional and national ecclesiastical structures, including archdioceses, dioceses, and parishes. The bottom section of the chart details the roles and responsibilities of different groups within the Church, such as clergy, religious orders, and lay members. The chart is characterized by its extreme complexity, with hundreds of interconnected boxes and lines, making it a daunting task to navigate. The color scheme is primarily blue and white, with some yellow highlights used to distinguish certain sections.