The conception of the Church in Aquinas’ theological vision seems to be incoherent if not elusive. Thomas addressed the notion of Church and the reality of the Church’s life several times from different perspectives, highlighting quite different ecclesiological topics. When Dominicans in the wake of the St. Thomas were confronted with new controversies regarding the Church they had to adapt, actualize and expand the master’s ecclesiology in order to meet the needs of the Church and to establish a Dominican tradition of ecclesiology. After rehearsing a few tenets of Aquinas’ vision of the Church, the lecture will look at a few Dominican authors from the 15th to the 19th cent. to examine the “Thomist” impact on their at times quite different ecclesiologies. What seems to be a conceptual weakness in Thomas Aquinas at a first glance, may turn out as the basis for a rich and productive tradition.