

**Defining Moments in Christian History: Founding of the Jesuits**  
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**Defining Moment: Ignatius Loyola Founds the Jesuits in 1540:** Mark Noll, *Turning Points*, 198 – 201.

- I The Advance of Islam
  - A. The Prophet: Mohammed and his Encounter with Monotheism
  - B. The Spread
  - C. Why?
  - D. The Response
    - 1. Charles Martel and the Battle of Tours (732)
    - 2. *Reconquista* of Spain (711-1492), Santiago Matamoros and El Cid
  
- II The Dawn of the Crusades
  - A. Ambivalent Relationship with Muslims in Europe and Holy Land
  - B. Background and Rationale to First Crusade
    - 1. Penitential Pilgrimage: *Campostela, Jerusalem*
    - 2. Knights
    - 3. Attitudes toward War
    - 4. Bernard of Clairvaux: The Apostle of Love or Hate?
    - 5. Urban II calls knights to take the Holy Land
    - 6. 4<sup>th</sup> Crusade = Latin Constantinople/pillaging/schism
    - 7. 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Crusades fail (last one in 1270)
  - C. 1453 Constantinople falls to the Turks
  - D. 1492 Granada falls to Ferdinand and Isabella
  
- III Monastic Movement
  - A. Path of Radical Discipleship
  - B. Monasticism Develops
  - C. Medieval Movements
    - 1. Cluniacs: Wealthy and Educated Benedictines (910)
    - 2. Cistercians: Ascetic Reform (1098)
    - 3. Knights Templar (1118)
    - 4. Mendicants
  
- IV. Medieval Missions
  - A. Barbarian Invasions and Decline of Roman Empire (600 AD)
  - B. Arian Conversions
  
  - C. Saxons, Picts, Angles, Celts, Slavs, Avars all practice indo-European tribal religions
  
  - D. Clovis converts to Catholicism in 511, 1<sup>st</sup> Catholic Convert
  
  - E. Gregory the Great: Powerful Pope and Missions Visionary (late 6<sup>th</sup> Century)
    - 1. Italy devastated by Lombards
    - 2. Sends Augustine and 40 Companions to Angles (Angles = Angelic faces)
    - 3. Augustine converts Ethelbert of Kent, founds Canterbury
  
  - F. St. Patrick brings gospel to Ireland (5<sup>th</sup> Century)
    - 1. British captive, escapes and returns as a missionary
    - 2. Sets up monasteries guided by powerful abbots
  
  - G. Other Missionary Apostolates: 10 –12 monks who settle, train, educate, and evangelize
    - 1. Irish missionaries go to Scotland (Columba/Iona 563 Aidan/Lindisfarne 635)
    - 2. Gaul – Clovis, 5<sup>th</sup> Century
    - 3. Belgium/Holland – Willibrord of Ireland

4. Germany – Boniface of Briton, power encounters
5. France – Charlemagne becomes HRE in 800 AD
6. Scandinavia – Germans take gospel to Sweden, Iceland, and Norway
7. Eastern Europe and Russia in (10<sup>th</sup>) by Orthodox missionaries, Cyril and Methodius

#### H. Other Ancient Churches

1. Nestorians spread to Arabia, Persia, and China by 7<sup>th</sup> Century
2. Thomist church traces roots to 1<sup>st</sup> Century in India
3. Coptic Church in Egypt and Amharic Orthodox Church in Ethiopia

#### I. Missionary Methods

### V. Catholic Reformation

#### A. Heresy

1. Albigensians/Cathars (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Century)
2. Waldensians

#### B. Inquisition

1. Established by Gregory IX in 13<sup>th</sup> Century
2. Root out heresy, especially Cathars
3. Dominicans become main ascetic and preaching challenge, Inquisition leaders
4. Spanish Inquisition established by Crown in 1487, extends to New World
5. Trials: goal = repentance and orthodoxy

#### C. New Religious Orders

1. Theatines (1524)
2. Barnabites (1530)
3. Capuchins (1528)
4. Discalced Carmelites (1540's)
5. Recollects (1570's)

#### D. Ecclesiastical Reform

1. Papal Policy of Paul III
2. Council of Trent (3 Sessions, 1545-7, 51-2, 62-3)

### VI. Spread of Catholicism

#### A. Initial Parochialism, Later Globalism

#### B. Franciscans, OFM (1209): Mexico, Southwest, and California

#### C. Dominicans, OP (1203): Las Casas in Hispania and Mexico

#### D. Jesuits: Francis Xavier, Matteo Ricci, Jean Brebeuf, Jose de Acosta, and Eusebio Kino

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