

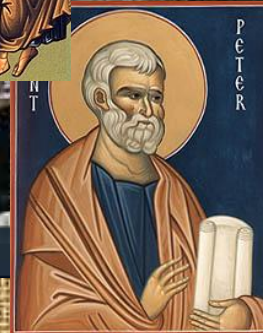
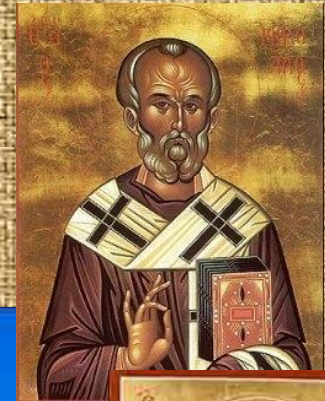
# DIVINE REVELATION

## “By Word of Mouth”

(2 Thessalonians 2:15):

## Handing On

Part IIIb:  
The Conciliar Movement:  
Handing On;



# General Councils of the Church

## Jerusalem (Acts 15:2)

### When and where

Jerusalem, Palestine, 49 AD.

### Crisis or controversy

Gentile converts must follow Mosaic Law; “Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.” Acts 15:1

### Attendees

“Apostles and presbyters” Acts 15:6, and the following notables:  
Paul and Barnabas,  
Peter, James (Acts 15:6-22)

### Decrees and resolutions

“It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.” Acts 15:28



# Nicea I

## When and where

325 AD in Nicea (Now Iznik, Turkey, 70 miles from Constantinople on the Asiatic shore of the Bosphorus)

## Crisis or controversy

Christ was a pure creature; made out of nothing; liable to fall; the Son of God by adoption, not by nature: Arianism.

## Attendees

318 bishops:

Convened: Constantine I, Emperor;

Eusebius of Caesarea, historian;

St. Athanasius, theologian;

Ratified: Silvester I, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

The Nicene Creed;

The Consubstantiality of the Word: *homousion* with the Father;

Solved how the date of Easter should be calculated.



# Constantinople I

## When and where

381 AD in Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey)

## Crisis or controversy

The need to insist on *homousion*;

Demonstrate to the world that Christians of the East are not Arians;

Apollinaris was teaching that Christ was not true man.

## Attendees

186 bishops:

Convened: Theodosius I, Emperor;

St. Basil the Great;

St. Gregory of Nyssa;

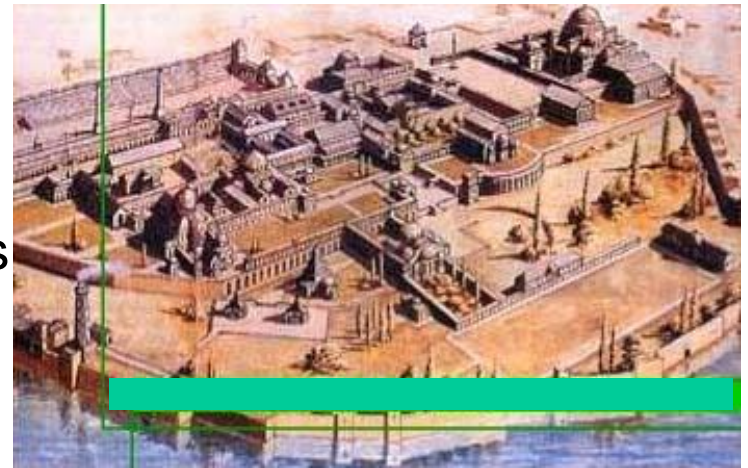
St. Gregory of Nazianzenus, theologians

Ratified: Damasus, Pope

## Decrees and resolutions

Renewed the work of Nicaea;

Condemned the heresy of the Macedonians (the Holy Spirit was not really God); Condemned the heresy of Apollinaris (that Christ was not really a man).



# Ephesus

## When and where

431 AD in Ephesus

## Crisis or controversy

Nestorius was teaching that Mary was not the mother of God; Proponents of Nestorius began claiming that Christ was actually two separate persons, human and divine.

## Attendees

250 bishops:

Convened: Theodosius II, Emperor;

St. Cyril of Alexandria;

St. John Chrysostom;

Ratified: Celestinus I, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Condemned Nestorius;

Decreed that Mary was also *Theotokos*, mother of God;

Declared that Christ is true God and true man, that he has two natures (human and divine) joined in one person.



# Chalcedon

## When and where

451 AD in Calcedon (ancient seaport of Bithynia on the sea of Marmara)

## Crisis or controversy

Monophysites were teaching that Christ had a single divine nature and no human nature.

## Attendees

600 bishops,  
Convened: Marcianus, Emperor;  
Ratified: Leo I, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Condemned Monophysitism;  
Declared that Christ had two distinct natures and was both true God and true man;  
Promulgated canons of church discipline.



# Constantinople II



## When and where

553 AD in Constantinople

## Crisis or controversy

Emperor Justinian I wanted the Church to consider the orthodoxy of three Greek theologians: Theodore of Mopsuestia, Theodoret of Cyrrhus, and Ebas of Edessa.

## Attendees

150 bishops,  
Convened: Justinian I, Emperor;

## Decrees and resolutions

Condemned the writings of theologians as having been infested with Nestorianism.



# Constantinople III

## When and where

680 AD in Constantinople

## Crisis or controversy

Monothelism was teaching that Christ did not possess a human will.

## Attendees

174 bishops;

Convened: Constantine IV, Emperor;

Ratified: Leo II, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Condemned Monothelism;

Declared that Christ has two wills, human and divine.





# Nicaea II

## When and where

787 AD in Nicea

## Crisis or controversy

Iconoclasts taught that using sacred images was idolatry.

## Attendees

390 bishops;

Convened: Irene, Empress;

Ratified: Adrian I, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Condemned Iconoclasts;

Declared that sacred images may be honored without idolatry.

Promulgated canons of church discipline.



# Constantinople IV

## When and where

870 AD in Constantinople

## Crisis or controversy

Needed to decide the right of Patriarch Photius or the restoration of Ignatius.

## Attendees

102 bishops;

Convened: Basil, Emperor;

Ratified: Adrian II, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Photius was condemned in 27 canons.



# Lateran I

## When and where

1123 AD (Lateran Basilica in Rome, Italy)

## Crisis or controversy

Needed to face the social and religious problems of the day;  
First ecumenical council in the West.

## Attendees

300 bishops:

Convened: Callistus II, Pope;

Ratified: Callistus

## Decrees and resolutions

Promulgated canons of mixed matters.



# Lateran II

## When and where

1139 AD at the Lateran Basilica

## Crisis or controversy

A double papal election and ensuing schism when two rivals claiming to be pope divided the church.

## Attendees

1000 bishops;

Convened: Innocent II, Pope;

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Ratified: Innocent II.

## Decrees and resolutions

Took measures against schism of antipope Anacletis II;

Promulgated canons of church discipline



# Lateran III

## When and where

1179 AD in the Lateran Basilica

## Crisis or controversy

Reorganization had to be faced; there was the ever-needed pressure to reform; restraint of abuses.

## Attendees

More than 300 bishops;  
Convened: Alexander III, Pope;  
Ratified: Alexander III, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Decreed that papal elections required two-thirds majority of cardinals at the conclave;  
Promulgated numerous disciplinary canons.



# Lateran IV

## When and where

1215 AD in the Lateran Basilica

## Crisis or controversy

Albigensian heresy: two supreme beings, Evil and Good;  
Christ did not die; all material things must.

## Attendees

412 bishops; 388 priests;  
Convened: Innocent III, Pope;  
Ratified: Innocent III, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Declaration of Canon Law: the law  
of the Church;  
Decrees against Albigensians  
and Waldensians.



# Lyons I

## When and where

1245 AD in Lyon (city in E. France)

## Crisis or controversy

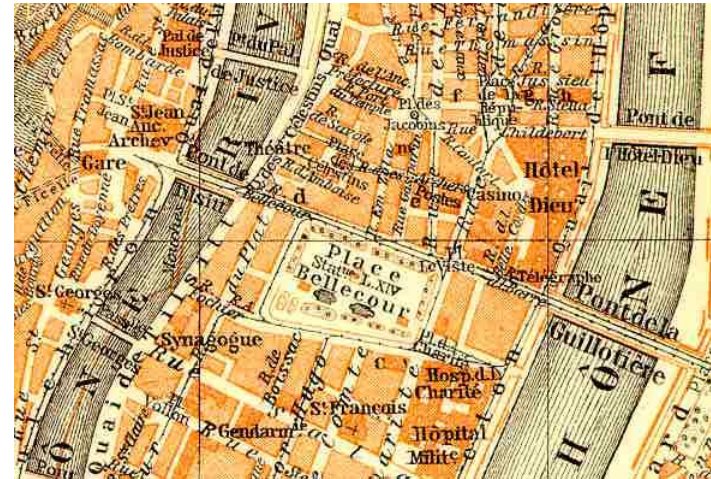
The difficult and heretical behavior of Emperor Frederick II;  
The persecution of religion.

## Attendees

140 bishops, more than 300 in toto;  
Convened: Innocent IV, Pope;  
Ratified: Innocent IV, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Excommunication and deposition  
of Frederick II.



# Lyons II

## When and where

1274 AD in Lyons, France

## Crisis or controversy

A marked decline of the detachment of the popes from the things of the world;

Chronic restiveness of the Greeks toward Roman primacy.

## Attendees

500 bishops; 570 priests;

Convened: Gregory X, Pope;

St. Thomas Aquinas,

St. Bonaventure;

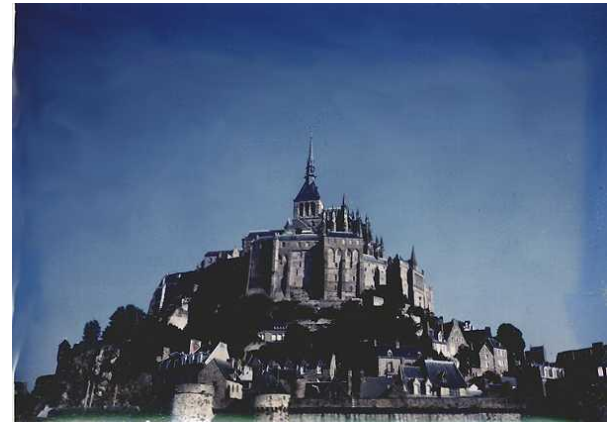
Ratified: Gregory X, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

General reformation of the morals of clergy and bishops;

Dogmatic constitution of *filioque*;

Profession of faith of Greek Emperor Michael VIII.





# Vienne

## When and where

1312 AD in Vienne (city in E. France near Lyons)

## Crisis or controversy

Problems with the religious order of Knights Templars.

## Attendees

122 bishops, 300 abbots;  
Convened: Clemens V, Pope;  
Ratified: Clemens V, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Templars were suppressed;  
Canon Law enacted;  
Three definition of dogmas;  
Disciplinary decrees written.



# Constance

## When and where

1414 – 1418 AD in Constance (city in Germany on Swiss border)

## Crisis or controversy

The Great Western Schism: two sets of popes.

## Attendees

32 Cardinals, 183 bishops, 100 abbots,  
350 priests;

Convened: Sigismund, Emperor;  
Ratified: Martin V, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Reformation of the Church;  
Material organization of religion.



# Florence

## When and where

1438 AD in Florence (city of northern Italy)

## Crisis or controversy

East/West reunion;

Constantinople was being threatened by Mohammedans.

## Attendees

More than 150 bishops;

Convened: Eugene IV, Pope;

Ratified: Eugene IV, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Reunion of oriental churches.



# Lateran V

## When and where

1512 – 1517 AD in the Lateran Basilica

## Crisis or controversy

Needed reform in church administration;  
Rise of atheistic philosophy;  
Friction between bishops and orders  
of friars.

## Attendees

115 bishops;  
Convened: Julius II, Pope;  
Cajetan;  
Ratified: Leo X, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Condemned the Averroes philosophy: the soul of man is  
not immortal;  
Promulgated reform decrees;  
Established principles of book censorship;  
Rights of bishops defined.



# Trent

## When and where

1545 – 1563 AD in Trent (in Hapsburg's Germany; now N. Italy)

## Crisis or controversy

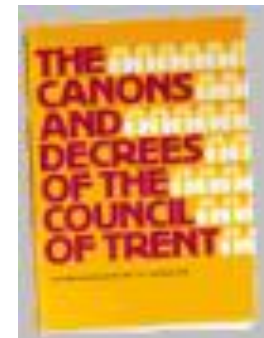
Martin Luther;  
Revolt against the Pope;  
Widespread heresy.

## Attendees

70 - 252 bishops;  
Convened: Paul III, Pope;  
Ratified: Pius IV, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Doctrinal decrees: restatement of belief in opposition to the new theologies;  
The Catholic Reformation: the reformation of Catholic life.



# Vatican I

## When and where

1870 AD in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

## Crisis or controversy

A return to life of the Catholic Church: needed a revival of religious life

General restoration and restatement of the faith was needed; Christian marriages and education needed safeguarding.

## Attendees

747 bishops;

Convened: Pius IX, Pope;

Ratified: Pius IX, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Promulgated decrees on the Catholic

Faith and on the Church;

Condemned the Rationalists and Semirationalists;

Defined the charism of infallibility.



# Vatican II

## When and where

1962 – 1965 AD in St. Peter's Basilica

## Crisis or controversy

Constant need for reform and revival;  
Needed translation of faith into modern era:  
communication media;  
Christians and Jews; religious freedom, etc.



## Attendees

2908 bishops;  
Convened: John XXIII, Pope;  
Ratified: Paul VI, Pope.

## Decrees and resolutions

Issued 16 documents:  
*On Divine Revelation;*  
*The Pastoral Constitution;*  
*On The Church in the Modern World;*  
*On The Church, etc.*



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