

The Council of Trent 1545-1562

XIX. COUNCIL OF TRENT

Years: 1545-1563

Summary: The Council of Trent lasted eighteen years (1545-1563) under five popes: Paul III, Julius III, Marcellus II, Paul IV and Pius IV, and under the Emperors Charles V and Ferdinand. There were present 5 cardinal legates of the Holy See, 3 patriarchs, 33 archbishops, 235 bishops, 7 abbots, 7 generals of monastic orders, and 160 doctors of divinity. It was convoked to examine and condemn the errors promulgated by Luther and other Reformers, and to reform the discipline of the Church. Of all councils it lasted longest, issued the largest number of dogmatic and reformatory decrees, and produced the most beneficial results.

Further Reading: www.newadvent.org/cathen/15030c.htm

The Protestant Reformation, a religious movement that began in the sixteenth century, brought an end to the ecclesiastical unity of medieval Christianity in western Europe and profoundly reshaped the course of modern history

Reformers are now Protesters. Catholic people are joining, and believing the movement moving away from the Roman Catholic Church. It must be stopped by answering the movement

1st. *Nicene* Creed = what a Catholic believes, Statement of Faith

2nd Canon of Bible changed to include Apocrypha

3rd Purgatory and indulgences are defined and not reformed.

A. Thomas Aquinas (1252) is the theologian used to state the catholic defense of this position. Sola Scriptura is rejected. The scriptures, traditions, papal decrees, and reason (Aristotle) are the sacred authority cited. Each is considered equal. Humanism arises from here. Natural law, reason, and science are also source of divine revelation.

B. Man is born in original Sin and is corrupt, but the mind is not. It can by itself come salvation.

C. Christian view of Aquinas's thoughts : **Accurate and Adequate**: General (natural) revelation is not to be compared with the special revelation (eternal) of the Scriptures. The idea that "all truth is God's truth" by itself is a true statement; however, since the practical application of the axiom depends upon fallible man's judgment, it cannot be used to import "truth" from non-biblical sources. The Scriptures are accurate and completely sufficient. The theories offered by psychology to explain "why we are the way we are and how we can change" are not accepted and argue against the sufficiency of Scripture which gives God's answers to these questions . **True truth**

4th Priests, and clergy are necessary for the Catholic lay people to obtain eternal Salvation. The priest hood of the believer is condemned.

A. Answers **Sola Christas**. Priests are necessary to mediate between man and God, thru the seven sacraments,

B. The sacraments are necessary for the Catholic goal of holiness in this life.

Answers **Sola Fide** and **Sola Gratia** reforms are rejected.

5th Original Sin addressed and basis for all sacraments given. Stay in the church for the protection of the Holy Spirit.

6th History is rewritten. Scriptures used to support the ideas that the Catholic Church comes up with. Luther is now the one rejecting Scriptures, since he doesn't include the Apocrypha in the bible. Latin is the holy and only acceptable language for the scriptures, and Catholic church ceremonies. The translation into the common languages is not accepted. Wycliffs bones are dug up and burned. Lay people becoming pastors, preachers, teachers (only priests had training, calling, ordination, and right to handle the truth) is condemned along with teaching scriptures expositionally, They were labeled the corruptors.

Answers **Sola Deo Gloria**.

?? If you were to die tonight are you sure you would go to heaven?

If God said to you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?" What would you say?

Catholic Church answers would be "no". We hope for heaven but can not know for sure?

Catholic Church answer "I have done everything you have required and my works outweigh my sins. I deserve to be here, because of my obedience and the purging of my soul in purgatory."

The Council of Trent fortifies the Catholic Church from world and counter reformation is now in place with answer to the reformers being NO. The pope rules the catholic church as a king with subjects like in a fort. Science, politics, leaders and their armies answer to the Church. The Holy Roman Empire

The Seven Sacraments of the Church

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Sacrament	Minister	Scripture	Required State	Frequency	Effect	Form	Matter
Baptism CCC 1213-1284	Ordinary: a Bishop, priest or deacon; Extraordinary: any person if necessary (CCC 1256)	Mt 28:19-20; Jn 3:5; 4:1-2; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 6:3-4; Mk 16:16; Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26; 1 Peter 3:21	Unbaptized pagan, convert to the Christian Faith, newborn infant (CCC 1246-1255)	Only applied once (Eph 4:5; CCC 1272)	Removes Original and Actual sin (CCC 1263); causes New Birth ("born again") (CCC 1265); incorporates into Christ (CCC 1267); is the doorway into the Church (CCC 846, 1213)	"I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Mt 28:18-19; CCC 1240)	Water (Immersion, Infusion, or Sprinkling) (CCC 1278)
Confirmation CCC 1285-1321	Ordinary: the Bishop; Extraordinary: a Priest (CCC 1313, 1318)	Acts 8:14-17; 9:17- 19; 19:6; Heb 6:1-6	Baptized but unconfirmed; needed Completion of Baptismal grace (CCC 1285); Baptized Christians from other traditions incorporated into the fullness of the Catholic Church	Only applied once (CCC 1304)	Sign of consecration (CCC 1294); spiritual seal (CCC 1293); completion of baptismal grace (CCC 1285); full outpouring of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1302-1303)	"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1300)	Holy Chrism (Blessed Oil) and the Laying on of hands by the Bishop or a delegated priest (CCC 1288, 1294, 1300)
Eucharist CCC 1322-1421	The Priest (CCC 1411)	Jn 6:1-71; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:7-20; 24:13-53; Acts 2:42-47; 20:7; 1 Cor 10:16-21	All Catholics are encouraged to participate (CCC 1417); Baptized believers in Communion with the Catholic Church (CCC 1396-1401) and devoid of Mortal Sin (CCC 1415)	Minimum of once a year, as frequently as daily (CCC 1389; 1417)	Intimate union with Christ (CCC 1391); Receiving Christ; nourish spiritual life; medicine of immortality, separating us from sin, removal of venial sin, spiritual strength, unites the Body into One (CCC 1391-1401)	"This My Body which will be given up for you. Do this in memory of Me ... Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the New and Everlasting Covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." (CCC 1412; 1 Cor 11:24-25)	Bread and Wine (CCC 1333)

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Confession, Penance or Reconciliation CCC 1422-1498	The Priest (CCC 1461)	Jn 20:23; Mt 16:18-19; 18:15-18; James 5:14-15	In Mortal Sin; desiring the Grace of Confession; in need of spiritual guidance (CCC 1446)	Minimum of once a year; or as frequently as necessary (CCC 1457-1458)	Forgiveness of serious sin, reunification with the Church, cleansing of conscience, restores grace (CCC 1468-1470)	"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1449)	Sins; Contrition and confession; priestly words of absolution (CCC 1480)
Marriage CCC 1601-1666	The Spouses, with the priest or deacon as witness (CCC 1623)	Gen 1:27-28; 2:18-25; Mt 19:3-12; Jn 2:1-11; Eph 5:25-32;	Each spouse must be a baptized man and woman with no impediment to marriage (CCC 1625)	Once and to one spouse as long as the spouse is living; again only if the spouse dies (CCC 2382)	The two become one flesh (Eph 5:31; perpetual and exclusive covenant partners (CCC 1638-1640)	The "I do", by which both spouses indicate their mutual consent to the marriage covenant (CCC 1626-1628)	Mutual Consent and Covenant to live together as husband and wife (CCC 1626); and the consummation of the Marriage (CCC 1640)
Holy Orders CCC 1536-1600	The Bishop (CCC 1576)	Acts 6:5-6; 13:3; 14:23; 20:28; Jn 20:21-23; 1 Tim 3:1; 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6; Titus 1:5; Phil 1:1	A Baptized man who has been called for ordination by God; in the Western rite, with the exception of permanent deacons, the ordained must be celibate (CCC 1577-1580)	Only once; separate ordination for Deacon, Priest, and Bishop (CCC 1582)	A special relationship to Christ to lead and serve the Church; indelible spiritual character imprinted on the soul (CCC 1581; 1594)	The Bishop's "specific consecratory prayer asking God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts proper to the ministry to which the candidate is being ordained" (CCC 1573)	Laying on of the Bishop's hands with the consecratory prayer (CCC 1538)
Anointing of the Sick, Extreme Unction, and Last Rites CCC 1499-1535	Only a Bishop or Priest (CCC 1516)	Mk 6:13; Jn 20:23; Mt 16:18-19; 18:15-18; James 5:14-15	Seriously ill; at the point of death or before a serious operation or for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced (CCC 1541f.)	Repeatable; at the point of grave illnesses or before a serious operation (CCC 1514f.)	Sins forgiven; grace to face trial; spiritual preparation to die; and if God's will, physical healing (CCC 1520-1523)	Prayer of the Priest over the sick person for the grace of the Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins (CCC 1513, 1519)	Anointing with Holy Oil and Imposition of Hands (CCC 1513, 1519)

CHRISTIAN LEADER SAYS ENOUGH WITH 'MY TRUTH': SOCIETY MUST RETURN TO 'THE TRUTH'

FIRST ON FOX: Outspoken Catholic priest and political activist Frank Pavone, the national director of the influential pro-life ministry Priests for Life who has been laicized, or dismissed, from the clerical state by the Catholic Church, told Fox News Digital this week that he is involved in a battle "for the soul of the Catholic Church."

He suggested, too, that the abortion issue is at the center of it.

Pavone, whose organization is headquartered in Titusville, Florida, also said that some bishops in the Church do not want to "offend" powerful Democrats and members of Congress — which is why they purposefully soften their pro-life message.

On Dec. 13, the Catholic bishops of the United States were informed that Pavone was laicized on Nov. 9 for his "blasphemous communications on social media, and for persistent disobedience of lawful instructions from his diocesan bishop," according to a Vatican statement.

Since 2016, "Pavone has posted tweets, Facebook statuses, videos and other social media postings urging support for the Republican Party, calling into question the validity of the 2020 presidential election and disparaging Democratic lawmakers," Catholic website Pillarcatholic.com reported.

Pavone served as a member of the campaign advisory group Catholics for Trump during the 2020 election, the same site noted. Pavone said that some in the Church have been "very, very troubled" by his vocal support of President Donald Trump.

They [meaning some in the Church hierarchy] got upset by a comment I made to someone who was arguing with me on Twitter, a Biden supporter," Pavone told Fox News Digital.

"It was in the midst of the nationwide frustration and anger of the 2020 election," he continued. "I used the word 'g**damn' in a tweet, which I shouldn't have done, and normally never do." Pavone said he also called Biden a "loser" in the tweet.

Pavone said the Church's position became, "Fr. Frank has taught a heresy. God does not damn people and he has put Biden and the Democrats in the category that they are to be damned and go to hell. This is not right for a priest to be teaching this." Pavone also said, "I'm not rebellious. I have a vocation,"

He added, "I'm convinced that I'm called to do this work. And why shouldn't a priest be able to protect the unborn?" Pavone said "In the midst of this support, you've got a certain segment of bishops who have really been doing everything they can to put obstacles in the way of this work and of my doing this work."

"The last 20 years," he said, have presented "one battle after another" set up by bishops. "I said to them, 'OK, would you prefer that I support a pro-abortion president rather than the most pro-life president in

American history?" Pavone said that for years, politics has been at the heart of the friction between himself and some of the bishops of the Church — both national politics and politics within the Church itself. "Election time rolls around, and they all have their seminars in their dioceses, and they say to the people, 'OK, here are the Catholic principles of voting. And, we have to look at all the issues. We can't judge people just on one issue'" — meaning abortion.

He continued, "Of course, we were vindicated by the reversal of Roe v. Wade, because without President Trump, that wouldn't have happened."

Pavone says some in the Catholic Church want to deliver a pro-life message "in a way that doesn't offend Democrats."

"Pavone said others around the world "don't see the Church stepping up on this issue, and they're going to scratch their heads and say, 'What's the matter with them? They lack courage. Do they not know their own church's teachings?' It's part of the DNA of the Church herself and has been from the very beginning," he said. "Why? Because the Church is all about the gospel and kingdom of Jesus Christ." Pavone said that wavering on the big issues of the day, such as taking communion while being pro-abortion, cloud the Church's authority

Pavone feels that the Church cannot legislate his personality or his forthright way of expressing himself.

"It's a basic human right for people to express themselves in the way that they want to express

themselves," he said. He added, "This is reflected, of course, in our American constitutional way of life.

Without taking away anything from the role of or proper obedience within the Church and authority, it is still not their prerogative to do that, *to try to shape people into their own image and likeness.*"