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## Catholic Church History

### Week Three

*St. John XXIII Faith Alive*

## 1500 to 2000

### 1. The Renaissance Worldview:

A great age of learning and discovery is dawning. The Catholic Church is the main supporter and benefactor of great Artists, Mathematicians, Scientists, Musicians, writers and thinkers of this age. It will also begin a worldview that does not include God. A secular humanism will grow in the middle of this time of revolution of thought.

### 2. Super Saints of 1500's & 1600's:

In their own way this time is marked by the efforts of tremendous Saints of the Catholic Church. Many of them will work to transform some aspect of the Church. Often they do it in the face of opposition within the Church and outside it.

### 3. The Protestant Reformation:

What begins as reformation will end in schism and division. As the modern age of nation states approaches; a collision between the countries and the power and control of Rome is unavoidable. A modern Germany, France and England cannot exist if Rome has the legal, political, financial and spiritual influence it has enjoyed in the past. This combined with real issues that need reform leads to historic change.

### 4. Important Protestant Reformers:

Beginning with Martin Luther many key leaders will impact the reformation movement as it spreads across the Western Church. Three other leaders we will cover are King Henry VIII founding the Church of England (Anglican), John Calvin in Switzerland (Calvinists) and later John Wesley in England and his Evangelical Revival movement (Methodist).

### 5. The Catholic Church 1890-2000:

This portion will be a quick peek at some historically significant events, movements and people of this time period. Including Catholic Social Teaching, Fatima, The Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul II and issues facing the Church today.

