







Church History as compared to the “Seasons”: Taken from Fr. Ken West; former Pastor of St. Thomas More Catholic Church

| | SPRING | SUMMER | FALL | WINTER | NEW SPRING | |
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| Dated Events | 33-96 50-Council of Jerusalem 64-Rome burns 70-Jerusalem destroyed 96-Clement of Rome's Letters | 96-800 313-Edict of Milan 410-Rome destroyed 600-Gregory the Great 800-Leo III crowns Charlemagne | 800-1600 880-35 Popes in 150 years 1309-The Avignon Papacy 1378-Miltiple Popes 1517-Reformation 1560-Council of Trent | 1600-1960 1598-Edict of Nantes 1869-1 st Vatican Council 1943-Pius XII Encyclical on the Bible | 1960-& on 1962-2 nd Vatican Council 1968-Paul VI Encyclical " <u>On Human Life</u> " 1965-John Paul II Encyclical " <u>The Gospel of Life</u> " | |
| Sacramental | Repentance/Baptism Breaking of Bread Anointing of the sick | Order of Catechumen: Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist Order of Penitent | Marriage a Sacrament 1439 Private repeatable Confession begins in Ireland & spreads to whole Church | Sacraments standardized for world-wide uniformity Infant Baptism is the norm The Mass a private prayer | The Sacraments are revised & Baptism & Eucharist regain their Biblical pre-eminence RCIA developed | |
| Leadership | Apostles Elders Deacons | Holy Orders: Bishop, Priest, Deacon | Order of Deacon disappears as a separate Order | Papal Infallibility declared under strict circumstances | Laity's role emphasized Clerical vocations a concern | |
| Doctrinal System | Understanding of Jesus based on Hebrew Scriptural images | New classic formulations of belief, our Creeds, based on Biblical & non-Biblical language | Trent settles a comprehensive Doctrine in reaction to the Reformation; no new formulations are allowed | Council of Trent's doctrinal pronouncements strictly enforced | Theologians begin to develop new ways of understanding the Faith | |
| |  <p>10 Persecutions</p> |  <p>7 Great Councils</p> |  <p>Dark ages</p> |  <p>Renaissance/ Enlightenment</p> |  <p>Industrial Revolution</p> |  <p>High Tech</p> |
| | PAGANISM | | CHRISTENDOM | | NEW PAGANISM | |