

Terry Dosh's Church History Outline

Some suggestions for a Church historical guideline

A two millennia theological/historical perspective according to Karl Rahner [**Vatican II, the Unfinished Agenda**, pp 14-21].

This is my understanding of what *I* call his Three-Epoch theory.

Epoch I: 30 to 150 A Jewish ethos influences early Christianity, e.g. Liturgy of the Word.

A caesura or huge cultural break occurs at this juncture.

Epoch II: 150 to 1960. Characteristics: 1) Eurocentric; 2) centralized (hierarchical); 3) monocultural (Latin, Roman, Mediterranean); 4) patriarchal (pyramidal, authoritarian).

A second caesura or huge cultural break occurs.

Epoch III: 1960 to present and beyond. Characteristics:

1) World-Church; 2) decentralized (collegial); 3) pluriform (inculturation, autochthonous); 4) feminist (egalitarian, mutuality)

Point 4 is the derivative creation of William Glaser, not Rahner's.

Dateline: 30 Death and Resurrection of Jesus

325 Council of Nicea (Constantine)

451 Council of Chalcedon (Leo the Great)

[800 Charlemagne]

1049 Leo IX Gregorian reform

1215 IV Lateran (Innocent III)

1378 - 1415 Great Western Schism & Conciliar theory

[1450 - 1560 Renaissance]

1517 Luther (Reformation)

1545-63 Trent

[1560 - Counter reformation / Baroque]

1648 Treaty of Westphalia (End of 30 Years' War)

[18th century - Enlightenment]

1789 French Revolution

[19th century - Missions/ Nationalism/ Industrial Revolution]

1907 - 1914 Modernism

1917 - First major revision of Canon Law since 16th century

1943 - Major encyclicals that prepare for Vatican II: Scripture;
Mystical Body; 1947 Liturgy.

1958-63 John XXIII

1962-65 Vatican II

1968 Humanae Vitae

1978 -2005 John Paul II

1983 Revision of Canon Law

1989 Cologne Declaration

2001 Dominus Jesus

Dateline USA: Spanish 16th to 18th centuries

1630 Catholics In Maryland

1790 1st bishop John Carroll elected

1830 beginning of Irish immigrant and creation
of "Irish-American" church.

1899 Americanist "heresy"

1907 Modernist "heresy"

1907 Bishop William O'Connell of Boston: beginning of
Romanization of American hierarchy.

1917 - 1973. Beginning of Canon Lawyer bishops in US

1962-65 Vatican II

1968 Humanae Vitae; conscience challenges authority

1976 Call to Action in Detroit

1973 - 1980 pastoral bishops nominated by Apostolic

Delegate Jean Jadot.

1990 Call to Action goes national (one of 25 national reform groups created since Vatican II)

Suggested general histories of the Church

Church History: 20 Centuries of Catholic Christianity

By John C Dwyer pp 400

A Concise History of the Catholic Church (revised edition)

By Thomas Bokenkotter. Pp 462

Pilgrim Church (revised and expanded) by William Bausch

Pp 457

The Catholic Thing by Rosemary Haughton, pp 249 (no footnotes no index., no dates!) A history but not your usual history; profound understanding of what Catholicism is.

The Pelican History of the Catholic Church, six volumes, pp 280 each. Six readable scholars examine six eras of the Church, up through the 19th century.

The Catholic Church in the 21st Century, edited by Michael Himes.

Six essays by readable scholars on what we can learn from

Six different eras of Church history. Pp. 130.

Suggested histories of American Catholicism.

American Catholics, a history of RC community in US by James Hennesey SJ Pp 380

In Search of American Catholicism (a history of religion and culture in tension) by Jay Dolan. Pp 300

A Short History of American Catholicism by Martin Marty Pp 230

The Catholic Church: the United States Experience, edited by Irene Woodward SNJ M. Seven essays on aspects of American church. Pp 134

The Catholic Church and American Culture, edited by Cassian Yuhaus CP. Six essays by top scholars. Pp 115

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