Saint Peter and the Vatican:



The Legacy of the Popes

Map of the Vatican City



Important Dates Regarding the Exhibit

•	64-67	Execution of Saints Peter and Paul
•	160 (ca.)	First tomb-shrine of Saint Peter (Trophy of Gaius)
•	313	Edict of Milan (legalizing Christianity)
•	312-318	Construction of lateran basilica (Our Savior)
•	319-350	Construction of Constantinian basilica of Saint Peter Consecration - 326
•	1123	New altar over Saint Peter's tomb
•	1300	First Jubilee (Boniface VIII)
•	1474	Erection of new ciborium over the papal altar of St. Peter
•	1475	Opening of the Vatican Library
•	1483	Dedication of the Sistine Chapel
		1508-1512 Michelangelo (ceiling)
	1524-154	11 Michelangelo (Last Judgment)
•	1503	Bramante to build new Saint Peter's basilica
•	1508	Raphael Frescoes (apartments Julius II, Leo X)
•	1547	Michelangelo appointed chief architect of St. Peter's basilica

Completion of dome 1590 1607 Façade of Saint Peter (Maderno, 1614) 1624 Bronze baldachino (papal altar, Bernini, 1633) 1626 Consecration of new basilica Saint Peter's square and basilica apse (Bernini, 1633) 1656 1771 Construction of Pio-Clementine Museum (1792) - Chiaramonti Museum (1805-22) - Gregarian Etruscan Museum (1837) - Transfer of Lateran Profane and Christian museum to Vatican (1963-70) - Opening of Vatican Collection of Modern Religious Art (1973) - Foundation of Vatican Historical Museum (1973) 1940 Excavation of the tomb of Saint Peter

The Exhibit

- Historical and documentary value (legacy of the Popes)
- Extensive (353 items)
- Varied
 - Religious artifacts (drawing, paintings, icons, sculptures)
 - Jewelry (rings, cameos, pectoral crosses)
 - Portraits of popes (paintings, sculptures, frescoes, mosaics)
 - Documents (letters, decrees, maps, seals)

Two Symbols

- 1) Tomb of Peter
 - Proximity of Nero's Circus, open-air pagan recropolis
 - Rich mausolea
 - Grave of apostle:
 - simple
 - Small funary monument
 - Trophy of Gaius (200)
 - Constantine marble edifice (~380)
 - Pope Callixtus built altar (1123)
 - Pope Clement VIII cibarium (1594)
 - Baldachino Of Bernini (1624)
 - Execution of Tomb of Saint Peter (1940)

- 2) Obelisk
 - Center of square
 - 25.31 meters, base 8.25 m
 - Single block of red granite
 - 330 tons
 - Known since 40 AD (Egypt, Caligula)
 - 1586 (April 30-September 26), Sixtus V (Domenica Fontana)
 - 907 men, 75 horses, 40 winches
 - Sphere replaced with cross (relics)

Three Characteristics

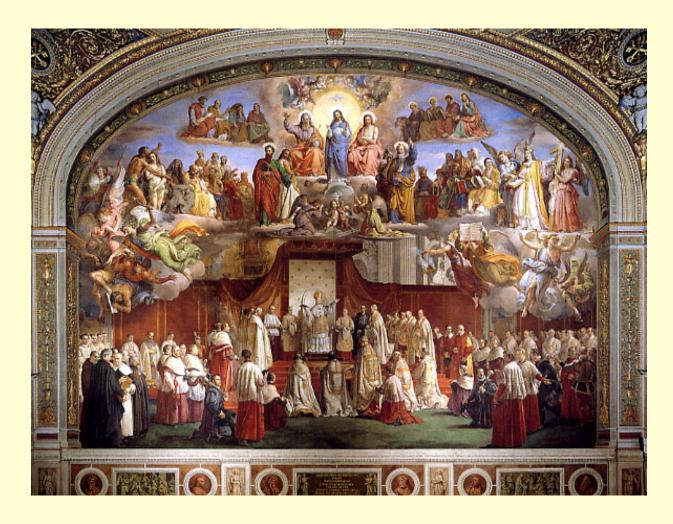
1. Through the Ages

From Saint Peter's Tomb to Michelangelo's dome



2. Heaven and Earth

F. Podesti, Proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception (1870)



3. From Now to Eternity

C. Bonanotte. Waiting in Hope Bronze, 2000



Pope

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* Pope = Pappas (Greek) – Papa (Latin) = Father
* Titles = Vicar of Christ
        Bishop of Rome
        Pontifex Maximus
        Servant of Servants of God
* Names (list) = 302 (including anti-popes)
        John Paul II 263 pope
* Peter martyr between 64-67
        Mt. 16.16-19
* 1800-2004: 15 popes
        Pius VII → John Paul II
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Papal Insignia

<u>Tiara</u> (4th): Phrygian origin (miter also)

Triregnum - Father of emperors/kings

- Rector Mundi

- Vicar of Jesus Christ

Three Forms of Church (militant, suffering, triumphant)

Pallium: Philosopher's mantle

"pallia discoloria": insignia of imperial officials (382)

Insignia of archbishops (9th)

Woolen stole, circular, 6 crosses

Cathedra: see of bishop, situated in apse

Symbol of pastor and teacher

"Chair of Moses" (Mt. 23:2)

Signifies office of bishop (2nd c.)

Anulus Piscatoris (14th): Name of Pope

- Image of Peter (as fisherman)
- Papal Seal (until 1843)
- "datum sub anulo piscatoris"

Staff (ferula) Vertical end (not crosier)

- Ends in crucifix
- Identifies Vicar of Christ
- Highlights missionary and pastoral activities

Keys – Double Keys (crossed)

- Mt. 16:19: "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven"
- Two keys signifying "binding and loosing" in heaven and on earth
 - Interpreted also as spiritual and secular authority

How to Visit the Vatican Exhibit

1. General Impressions

- Long tradition
- Wide-spanned relations
- Rich heritage
- Sacred and secular

2. Following the "red thread" (1-353)

- 11 sections
- Historical development from Saint Peter to the 3rd millennium
- Spirit in "earthen vessels"

3. Concentration on a special theme

- Liturgical vestments (through the ages)
- The Vatican and Religious Dialogue (special section)

4. Detailed "study" of specific artifacts

- Bernini Apostles (attributes)
- Early witnesses (sarcophagus, frescoes)
- Representations of Jesus Christ

Saint Peter, the Popes, and the Vatican



Vatican

- A hill (mons Vaticanus; near right bank of Tiber)
- Residential area (Roman nobles)
- Circus of Caligula, Nero
- Pre-Christian necropolis (Mausolea)
- Tomb of Saint Peter
- Constantinian Basilica (318-350)
- New Renaissance Basilica (1503-1626)
- Vatican City State (since 1929) (0.44 km²)

Twelve Apostles

(17th c. Bernini)





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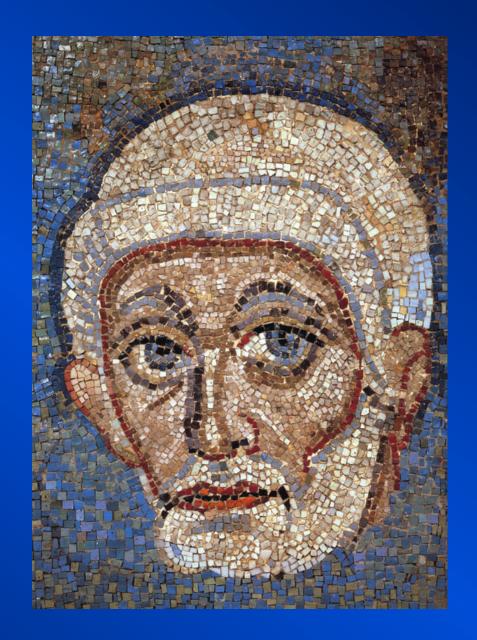




Christ Bearing the Cross



Mosaic Fragment of St. Peter (5th c.)



2. The Tomb of Peter

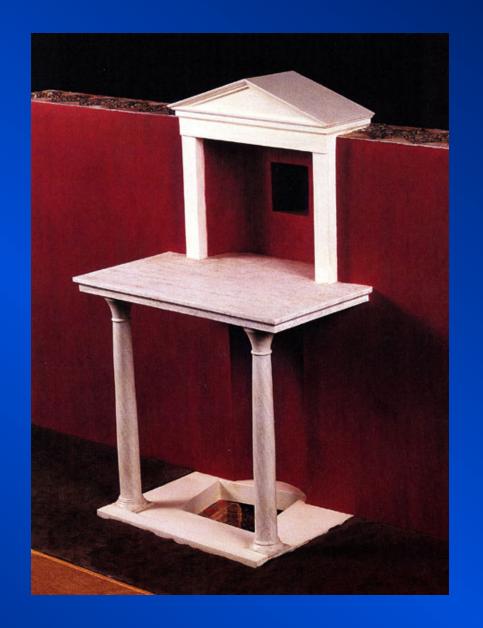
Peter and Paul executed in Rome (64-67)

- Paul beheaded
- Peter crucified, upside down (Origen, Jerome)

Tradition dating to 160

- graffiti, coins, relics
- Excavation 1940 (Pius XII)

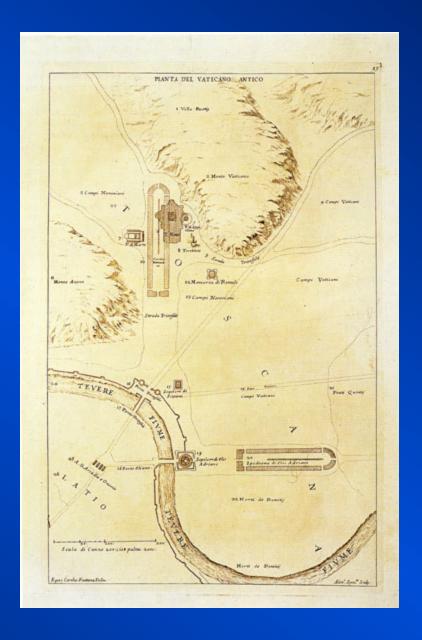
Reproduction nof the Tomb of Saint Peter (20th c.)



Glass Medallion of St. Peter & St. Paul (2nd half of the 4th c.)



Plan of the Vatican (1694)



Frontal of Sarcophagus (early 4th c.)



Good Shepherd and four seasons (partia)

Oil Lamp with Bust of Saint Peter (~450)



3. The Basilica of Constantine

The Basilica of Constantine

- Constantine (315) put Christian doctrine, discipline at the foundation of the union of the Roman empire.
- Constantine initials basilica, Pope Sylvester completes the construction
- Decoration of Peter's tomb with lamps of gold and silver, and a gold cross (Helena)
- Bishop of Rome responsible for the custody of the universal church (Siricius, ~390)

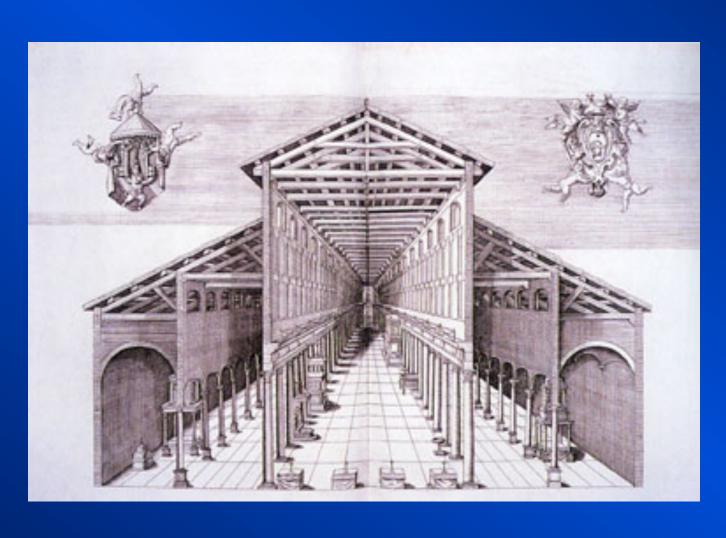
Saint Peter (fresco e6th c.)





Pope
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Siricius
(6th c. Fresco)

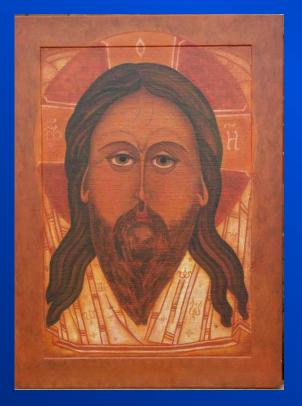
North-South Section of the Old Basilica (1684)



Crucifixion of Saint Peter from the Ciborium of Sixtus (15th; cast 20th)



The Mandylion of Edessa (3rd to 5th c.)

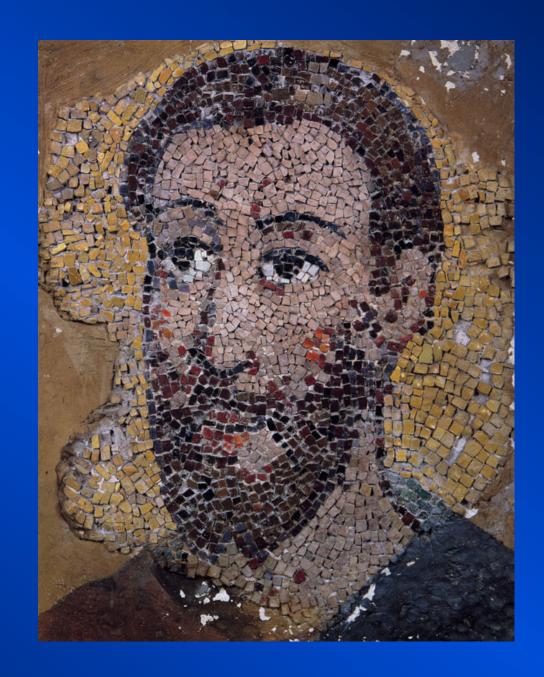






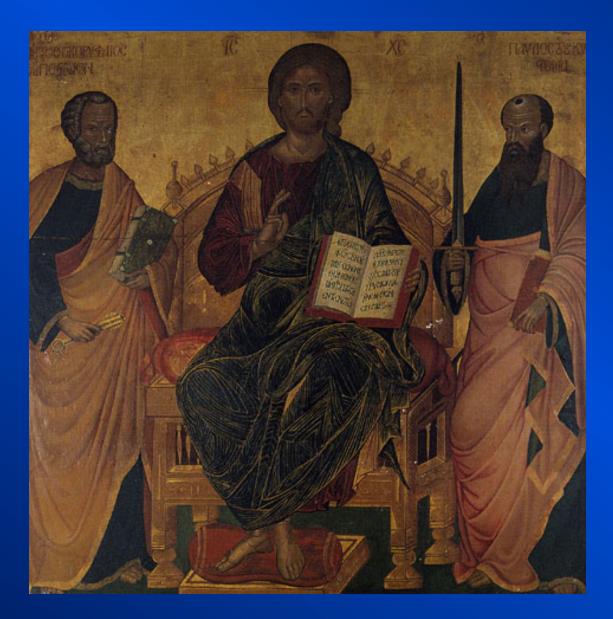
Six Statues of **Angels** (17th c.) with instruments of the **Passion** (Bernini)

Mosaic Fragment of St. Paul (c. 799)



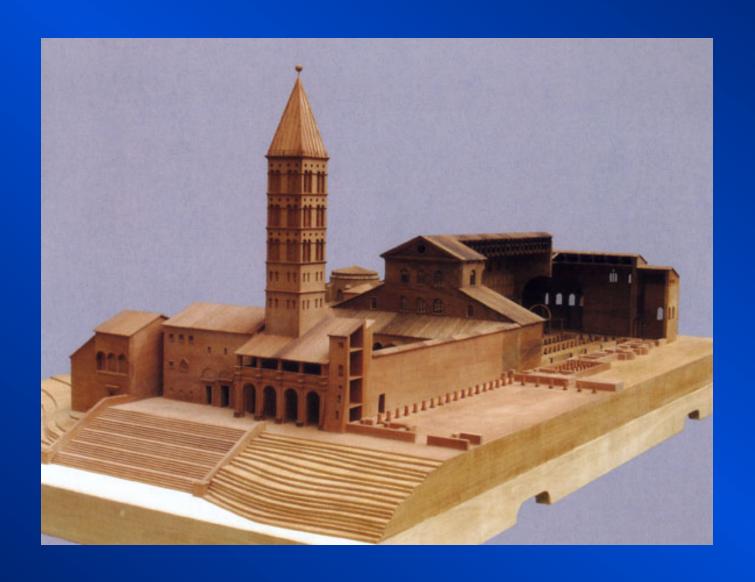
Gregory the Great Reliquary (1883)





Christ
Pantocrator,
Peter, Paul
(end 14th
century)

Model of the Old Basilica (2002, Wood)



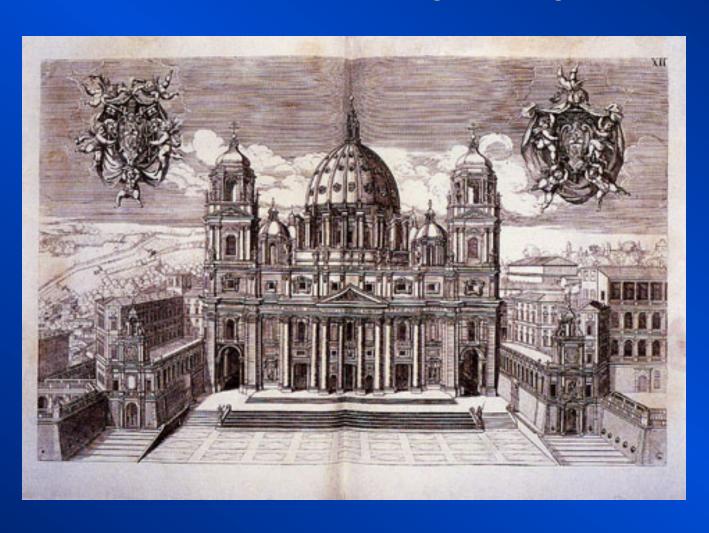
4. The Renaissance Basilica

-Julius II, March 1505, initiates construction of new basilica (Bramante)

- "To surpass all the other churches in magnificence and splendor" (1513)
- Built on demolished Constantine basilica
- Form of Latin Cross (2.4.1614)
- 160 years passed since initial idea (26 popes)

 Largest church in the world (186.68 meters)

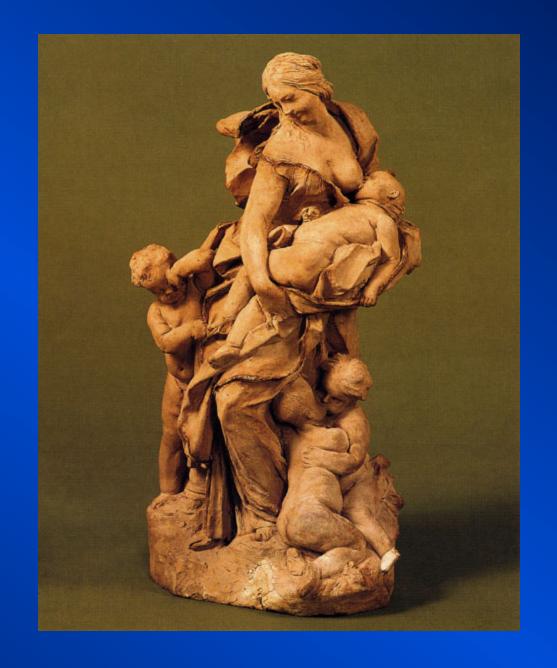
Facade of the New Basilica of Saint Peter (1620)



Sectional View of the New Basilica (17th c.)



Charity
with Four
Putti
(1627/28)
terracotta

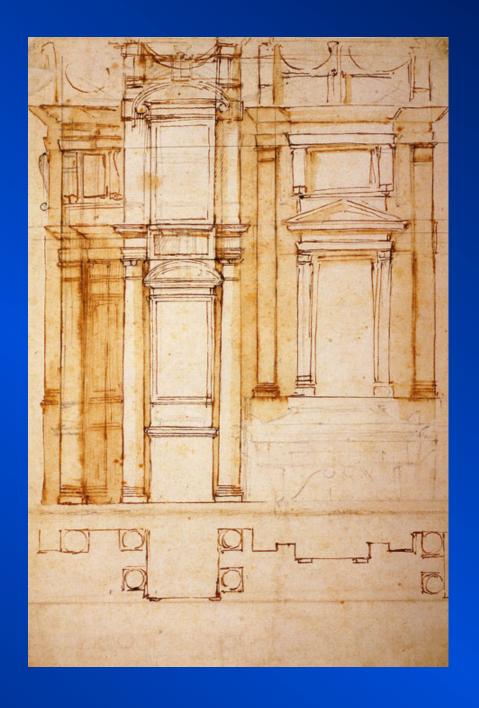




La Navicella Mosaic (after Giotto)

Elevation and Plan for Wall Tombs

Michelangelo 1526

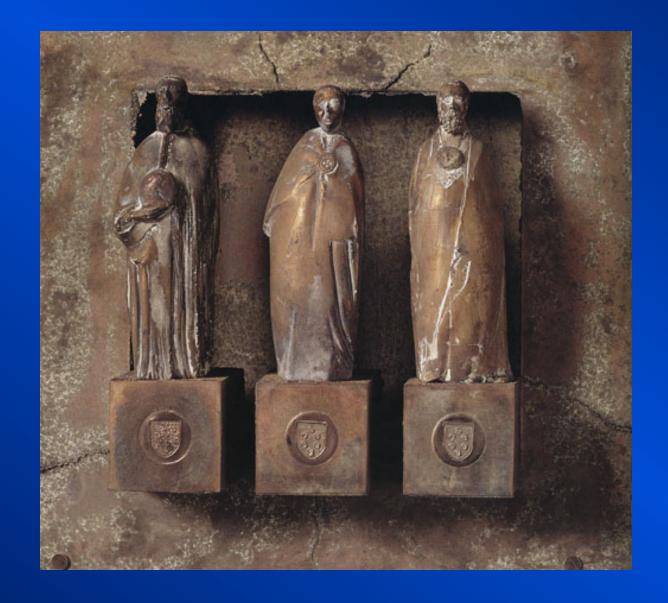


Erection of the Vatican Obelisk (1694)



5. Sistine Chapel and the Election of the Pope

- Pontificate begins in Sistine Chapel (voting)
- Four votes a day (2 in the morning; 2 in the afternoon
- Smoke signal after each ballot (black smoke; white smoke)
- After election, new pope receives obedience of cardinal electors.
- White cassock
- Proceeds to central balcony for benediction: urbi et orbi



Twelve
Portrait
s of
Popes
(21st c.)

New door for Vatican Museums

Ceremonial Hammer (20th c.)



Chalice,
Paten for
Election
of Pope



Cylinders for the Stove Used in a Papal Conclave





Sic Transit Gloria Mundi (20th c.) Papal Tiara of Pope Leo XIII



Pallium and Fibulae of Pope John Paul II



Ivory
Crosier of
Pius IX





Mantle of Pope Saint Pius X

6. Papal Liturgical Celebrations

- Central importance of divine worship
- Liturgy is summit of christian life
- Sacred objects conserved in Pontifical sacristy
- Belong to the last two centuries
- Some no longer used (tiara, sedia gestatoria)



Sedia Gestatoria (early 19th c.)



Stole
of
Pope
Leo XIII
(end of
19th c.)

Cope of Pius IX





Papal Tiara of Pope Pius VII (1820)



Chasuble,
Alb (stole)
of Pope
Pius XI
(20th c.)

Miter of Pope Pius XI (1929)





Papal
Shoes of
Blessed
John XXIII

Pax of Pope Leo XIII (19th c.)



7. Teaching Activities of the Popes

- Church entrusted to Peter; pope successor of apostles
- Symbol of teaching activity: Cathedra (see) in apse of basilica (Bernini, 1658-1666). Bronze Cathedra contains rests of Peter's bench (legend)
- Teaching by Apostolic Constitutions (general, permanent) and Encyclical letters (on specific matters, general)

The Cathedra of St. Peter (replica, 20th c.)





Processional Cross of Pope Pius IX (1863)

Lead Seal of Sixtus V (1585-90)



Chirograph of Pope Saint Pius X (1911)

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8. The Papacy and the Missionary Activity of the Church

"Go out to the whole world" (Mt. 16:16):

proclamation of the gospel to the whole world.

- From Jerusalem to the farthest corners (Pentecost;

activities of the apostles)

- Eastern Mediterranean (Paul)
- Roman Empire (Constantine)
- North-Western Europe (Gregory I)
- New Territories (Columbus, Alexander VI)
- 19th c. missionary activities
- 20th c. religious dialogue
- Rare documents from the archives of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith (Gregory XV, 1662)



Reliquary
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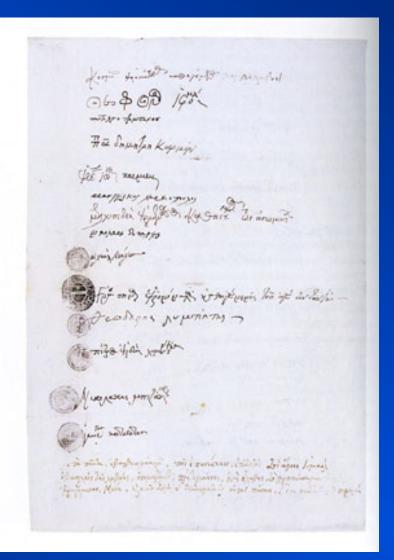
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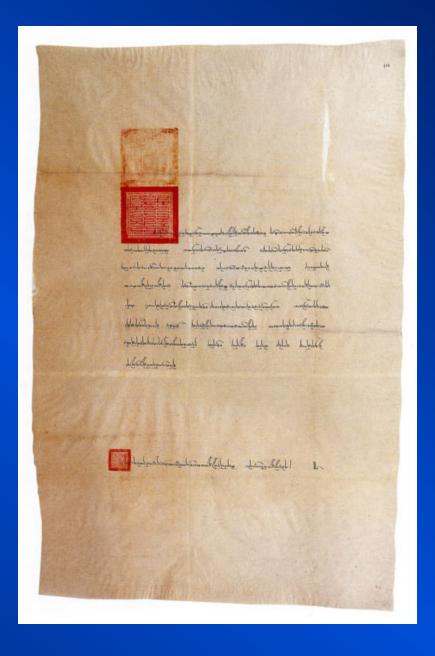


Saint Joseph (Paraguay, end 17th c.)

9. The Papacy and Religious Dialogue

- Pope John Paul II: "Journeys of dialogue"
- Dialogue with Christian and non-Christian religions
- Day of Forgiveness (12 March, 2000) for sins of past and present.

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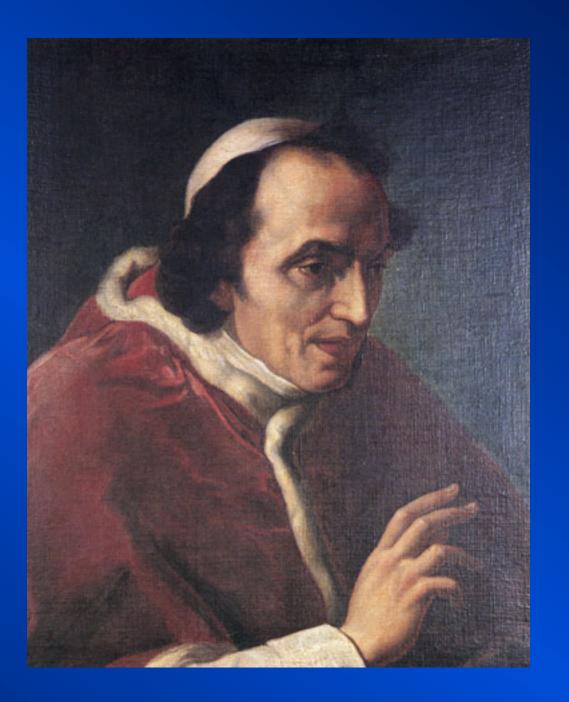
Inuk Man (Canada, 20th c.)



10. Popes of the Modern Era

- Fifteen popes from 1800 to 2004
 - Pius IX (1846-78)
 - John Paul I (September, 1978)
- From monarchic to pastoral papacy
- Openness to the world (Rerum Novarum to Gaudium et spes)
- Advocacy of Human dignity: "Witness of the dignity of human person" (John Paul II, 1995)

Pius VII (1814)



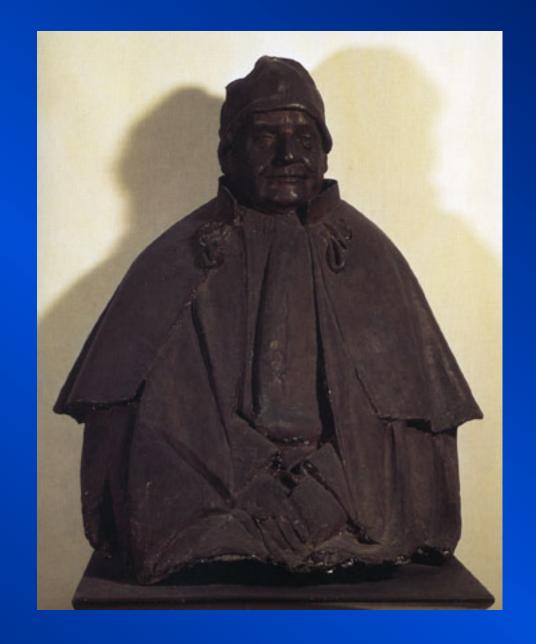
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Pope Pius XII (1962)



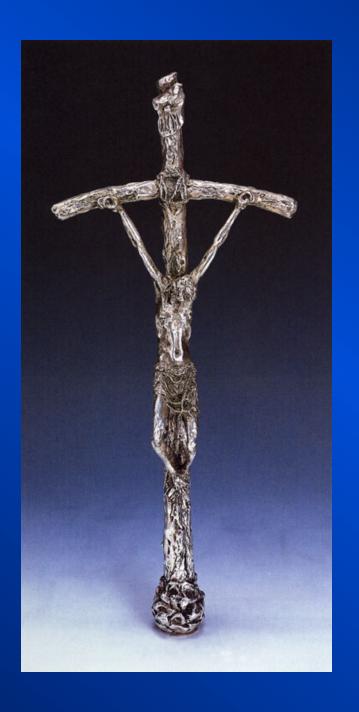
Portrait of Pope John XXIII (1962)



Pope Paul VI (1965)



11. Into the Third Milennium



Pastoral Staff
of
Pope Paul VI
and
John Paul II

Hammer and Trowel for the Holy Year of 1975





Holy Door Coffer (1983)