

ANNEX I

The Stages of the Roman Catholic Church

Event	Date
Dogma of the Holy Trinity	Around 381
Cult of the saints and angels	Around 390
Cult of Mary	Around 430
Idea of the Holy Virgin, Mother of God	Around 481
Special attire of priests	Around 500
Prohibition of belief in reincarnation	In 553
Discovery of purgatory	Around 593
The Pope as universal bishop	Around 606
Appearance of holy water	Around 750
Cult of relics and images	Around 788
Cult of Saint Joseph	Around 890
Canonization of saints	Around 993
Celibacy of priests	In 1050
Infallibility of the Church	In 1076
Seven sacraments established	In 1140
Sale of indulgences	In 1190
Substitution of the host for bread in the Eucharist	In 1200
Dogma of transubstantiation decreed	In 1215
Oral confession made obligatory	In 1215
Feast of Corpus Christi instituted	In 1264
Holy Year instituted	In 1300
Ave Maria	In 1318
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament	In 1336
Purgatory officially recognized	In 1439
Seven sacraments officially recognized	In 1547
Rotation of the Earth admitted	In 1821
Immaculate Conception admitted	In 1854
Papal infallibility decreed	In 1870
Assumption of the Virgin Mary	In 1950
Rehabilitation of Galileo	In 1992