

ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Prayers for the dead began.	300
First veneration of angels and dead saints, and the use of images in worship.	375
The Mass first used as a daily celebration.	394
First worship of Mary.	431
Doctrine of perpetual virginity of Mary established.	451
Sacrament of extreme unction (rite performed just before death to remove sin) initiated.	526
Doctrine of purgatory (place where dead Catholics go to pay for sins through suffering) invented.	593
Practice of kissing of Pope's foot first invented.	709
Worship of the cross, images and relics instituted.	786
First observance of the Feast of the Assumption (celebrating Mary's bodily assumption into heaven.)	819
Holy water used for the first time.	850
Worship of Saint Joseph begins.	890
Canonization of dead saints begun.	995
Fasting on Fridays during Lent ordered.	998
Attendance of Mass made obligatory.	1000's
Celibacy (the forbidding of marriage) introduced to priesthood.	1074
Compulsory divorce of priest's wives ordered	1075
Rosary invented by Peter the Hermit.	1090
Faithful first charged money for the performance of the Mass (to free loved ones from purgatory.)	1100
Sale of Indulgences introduced.	1190
Transubstantiation (Bread & Wine become body and blood of Christ) becomes Church Doctrine.	1215
Auricular confession of sins to a priest introduced..	1215
Adoration of wafer ("Bread" which has been transformed into Christ's body) is first practiced.	1220
Bibles forbidden to laity (only priests can interpret Scripture.)	1229
Scapular (piece of cloth with image of Mary and the "Sacred Heart" - said to free one from purgatory) invented.	1251
First claim that Roman Catholic Church is, "the only true church where salvation is found."	1303
Cup (wine turned to blood of Christ) is forbidden to lay people.	1414
All but ordained priests are forbidden to perform the Mass.	1415
Purgatory officially declared Church Dogma.	1439
Seven Sacraments declared to be Church Dogma.	1439
Apocryphal books added to the Roman Catholic Bible.	1546
Tradition declared to be of equal authority with the Bible.	1546
The Mass is declared to be a propitiatory offering (to satisfy God's Judgment and save from sin.)	1562
Worship of saints confirmed as dogma.	1562
Doctrine of Immaculate Conception (Mary born without original sin) declared.	1854
Syllabus of Errors (condemning freedom of religion, of conscience, temporal authority of kings over popes.)	1864
Infallibility of pope becomes dogma.	1870
Public schools condemned by Pope Pius XI	1930
Assumption of Mary (bodily ascension , alive, into heaven) proclaimed.	1950
Mary proclaimed to be the Mother of the Church.	1965