

Middle Ages

500-1450

“Europe owes more to the Christian Church than most people realize. When the barbarians destroyed the Roman Empire in the West, it was the Christian church that put together a new order called Europe. The church took the lead in rule by law, the pursuit of knowledge, and the expression of culture. The underlying concept was Christendom, which untied the empire and the church.”

Bruce Shelley pg. 161

St. Augustine Abbey

- Rise of missionary monasticism
- Rise of rule of Benedict



Desire of Unity

- Period Plagued by War
- Desire for unity
- Strong Mix of Church and State

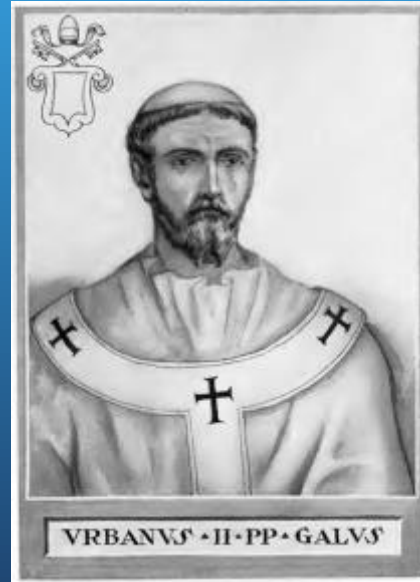
Pope Leo III



Crusades

- These began as a response to the Turks. The Turks Seized Jerusalem. And began to attack the Eastern Empire.
- 7 Major Crusades
- Crusades ignited horrible attacks, on Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

Pope Urban II 1042-1099



St. Francis of Assisi

- Monasticism becomes as a response to the church.
- The rise of voluntary poverty.
 - Rise of the Dominicans-Begging Friars
 - Rise of the Franciscans



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