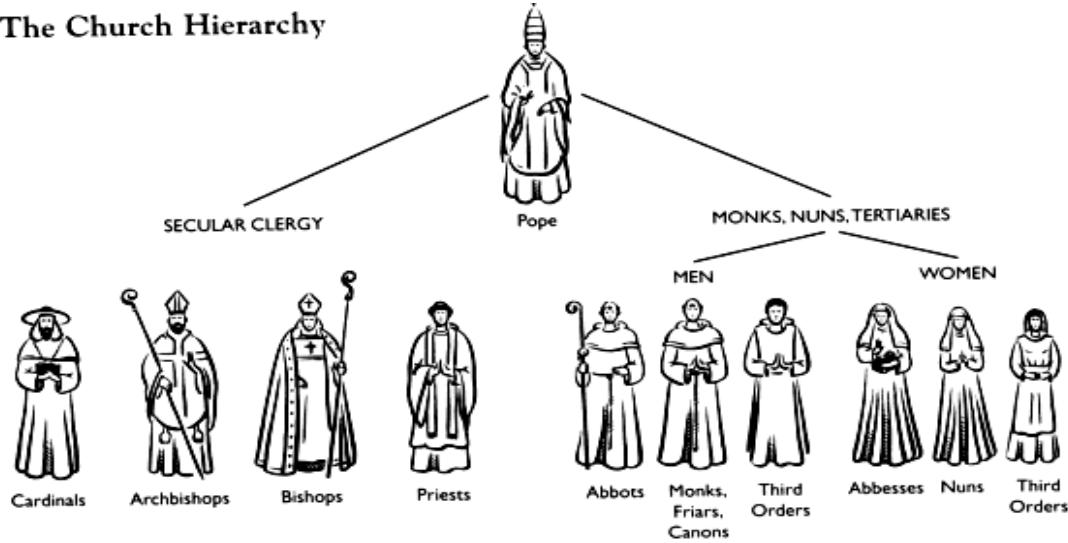


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SOURCE READINGS:**DOCUMENT # 1****The Church Hierarchy****DOCUMENT # 2****Pope Innocent III, 1198**

"The Creator set up two great lights in the heavens; the greater light to rule the day, the lesser light to rule the night. In the same way, the Church has set up two great lights on earth; the greater light, being the Pope, to rule over souls; the lesser light, being the king, to rule over bodies. Just as the moon's light comes from the sun, does the power of the king come from the Pope. The more closely a king is willing to follow the Pope's rule, the greater his light will be."

Summary & Main Ideas**DOCUMENT # 3****Pope Gregory VII, 11 c.**

1. That the Roman Church was established by God alone
2. That the Roman pontiff alone is rightly called universal
3. That he has the power alone to depose and reinstate bishops
4. That he has the power to depose emperors
5. That his decree can be annulled [made void] by no one, and that he can annul the decrees of anyone
6. That he can be judged by no one
7. That the Roman Church has never erred and will never err to all eternity, according to the testimony of the holy scriptures
8. That by his command or permission subjects may accuse their rulers
9. That no one can be regarded as Catholic who does not agree with the Roman Church
10. That he has the power to release subjects from their oaths of fidelity to wicked rulers

Summary & Main Ideas**DOCUMENT # 4****Pope Gregory VII's Letter to King Henry IV 1075**

" Gregory, bishop, servant of the servants of God, to Henry, the king, greeting and apostolic benediction,- that is, if he be obedient to the apostolic see as is becoming in a Christian king: It is with some hesitation that we have sent you our apostolic benediction, knowing that for all our acts as pope we must render an account to God, the severe judge. It is reported that

Summary & Main Ideas

you have willingly associated with men who have been excommunicated by decree of the Pope and sentence of a synod. If this be true, you are very well aware that you can receive the blessing neither of God nor of the Pope until you have driven them from you and have compelled them to do penance, and have also yourself sought absolution and forgiveness for your transgressions with due repentance and good works. Therefore, we advise you that, if you realize your guilt in this matter, you immediately confess to some pious bishop, who shall absolve you with our permission, prescribing for you penance...

DOCUMENT # 5

A Decree of Excommunication, 10 c.

Summary & Main Ideas

"In the name of God, and by the power of the Holy Ghost, and the authority divinely granted to bishops by Peter, chief of the Apostles, we separate them from the bosom of holy Mother Church, and condemn them with the anathema of the eternal curse, that they may have no help of man nor any converse with Christians. Let them be accursed in the city and accursed in the country. Accursed be their barns and accursed their bones; accursed be the...see of their lands, their flocks of sheep, and their herds of cattle. Accursed be they in their entering and in their outgoing. Be they accursed at home and homeless elsewhere...Upon their heads fall all the curses with which God through His servant Moses threatened the transgressors of the Divine Law. Let them be [terribly accursed], and let them perish in the second coming of the Lord; and let them moreover endure whatever of evil is provided in the sacred canons and the apostolic decrees for murder and sacrilege. Let the righteous sentence of Divine Condemnation consign them to eternal death. Let no Christian salute them. Let no priest say Mass for them, nor in sickness receive their confession, nor, unless they repent, grant them the sacrosanct communion even on their deathbed. But let them be buried in the grave of an ass,...that their shame and malediction may be a warning to present and future generations. And, as these lights which we now cast from our hands are extinguished, so may be their light quenched in eternal darkness."

DOCUMENT # 6

Benedictine's Rules

Summary & Main Ideas

When anyone is newly come for the reformation of his life, let him not be granted an easy entrance, but, as the Apostle says, "Test the spirits to see whether they are from God." If the newcomer, therefore, perseveres in his knocking, and if it is seen after four or five days that he bears patiently the harsh treatment offered him and the difficulty of admission, and that he persists in his petition, then let entrance be granted him, and let him stay in the guest house for a few days.

After that let him live in the novitiate (for new recruits), where the novices study, eat, and sleep. A senior shall be assigned to them who is skilled in winning souls, to watch over them with the utmost care. Let him examine whether the novice is truly seeking God, and whether he is zealous for the Work of God, for obedience and for humiliations. Let the novice be told all the hard and rugged ways by which the journey to God is made. If he promises stability and perseverance, then at the end of the two months let this Rule be read through to him, and let him be addressed thus: "Here is the law under which you wish to fight. If you can observe it, enter; if you cannot, you are free to depart." If he stands firm, after four months let the same Rule be read to him again.

Then, having deliberated with himself, if he promises to keep it in its entirety and to observe everything that is commanded him, let him be received into the community. But let him understand that according to the law of the Rule, from that day forward he may not leave the monastery nor withdraw his neck from under the yoke of the Rule which he was free to refuse or to accept during that prolonged deliberation.

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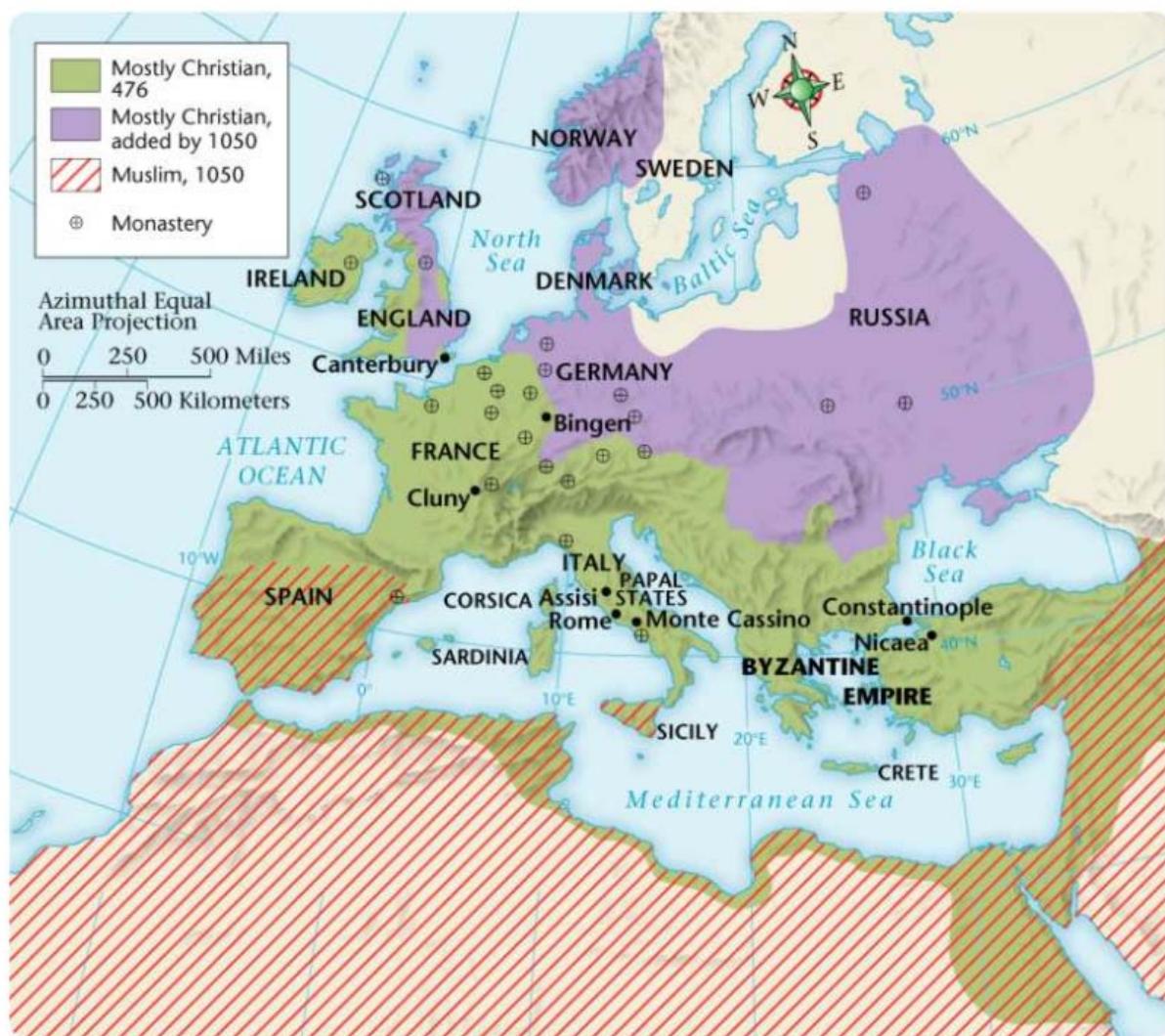
Pope Urban Calling for a Crusade 1096

Summary & Main Ideas

Freshly quickened by the divine correction, you must apply the strength of your righteousness to another matter which concerns you as well as God. For your brethren who live in the east are in urgent need of your help, and you must hasten to them the aid which has often been promised them. For as most of you have heard, the Turks and Arabs have attacked them...They have occupied more and more of the lands of those Christians and have overcome them in seven battles. They have killed and captured many and have destroyed the churches and devastated the empire...On this account I, or rather the Lord, beseech you...to carry aid promptly to those Christians and to destroy that vile race from the lands of our friends...

All who die by the way, whether by land or by sea, or in battle against the pagans, shall have immediate remission of sins. This I grant them through the power of God with which I am invested.

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MIDDLE AGES SOURCE READINGS GUIDING QUESTIONS:

After reading the source documents for your assigned topic, please answer the following guiding questions. You may discuss your ideas with your fellow group mates, however you must write your own answers and responses. Each response should be written in complete, grammatically correct sentences and should be thoroughly explained. Your response will be collected at the end of the class period.

Document # 1: What message does this chart send regarding the highest authority amongst Christian people in the Middle Ages?

Document # 2: According to Pope Innocent III, who holds the greater power: the Pope or the King? How does the Pope explain this?

Document # 3: What would you say is the main point of this document? What is it trying to establish?

Document # 4: Please examine the first paragraph in which the Pope greets the King. What do you notice about the language used in the greeting?

Document # 4: According to the tone of the letter, who seems to have the most influence in the relationship between the King and the Pope? How do you know this?

Document # 5: Please explain why you believe a decree of excommunication was a very harsh punishment during the Middle Ages.

Document # 6: Why do you think Benedictine's process for entering a monastery was so complex?

Document # 7: In his call to battle, what arguments does Pope Urban make for why all Christian people should fight?

Document # 8: What does this image reveal to you about the influence of Christianity throughout the Middle Ages?

Overall: Explain who you would rather be during the Middle Ages and use specific evidence and reasoning to defend your stance: a Pope, a King, or a peasant?