

CHURCH HISTORY: SAINTS & SINNERS

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WEEK	PART I	PART II
Week 1	Introduction: Historiography and the Meaning of History	The World in Which Christ Was Born: Background to the Mediterranean in Antiquity
Week 2	<i>Et homo factus est:</i> New Testament Period and the Apostolic Age	The Parting of the Ways: Jews and Christians in the Roman Empire
Week 3	<i>Omnes dii gentium dæmonia:</i> Greco-Roman Paganism	Blood of the Martyrs: Pagans and Christians in the Roman Empire
Week 4	The Knowledge Falsely So-Called: Gnosticism in Early Christianity	Christianity in the Third Century: The View from Tertullian of Carthage
Week 5	A Controversial Genius: Origen of Alexandria	The Church Is Holy: Saint Cyprian of Carthage, the Lapsed, and the Baptismal Controversy
Week 6	<i>In hoc signo vinces:</i> The Conversion of Constantine and the Christianization of the Roman Empire	<i>Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto:</i> The Trinitarian Controversy
Week 7	A New Kind of Martyrdom: Early Christian Asceticism and Monasticism	From House Churches to Roman Basilicas: Early Christian Art and Architecture
Week 8	The Christological Controversy I: Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Nestorius, and the Unity of Christ	The Christological Controversy II: Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.)
Week 9	Saint Augustine of Hippo I: Youth, Manichæism, and Conversion	Saint Augustine of Hippo II: Donatism
Week 10	Saint Augustine of Hippo III: Pelagianism and <i>City of God</i>	Twilight of Antiquity: The Fall of the Roman Empire and the Dawn of the Middle Ages
Week 11	There Is No God But Allah and Mohammad Is His Prophet: The Rise of Islam	Not “Angles” but “Angels”: The Conversion of Anglo-Saxon England
Week 12	Holy Images: Byzantine Iconoclasm	An Emperor Again in the West: Charlemagne and the Carolingian Empire
Week 13	The Byzantine Commonweallk and the Evangelization of the Slavs	Vikings(!) and the Conversion of Scandinavia
Week 14	Catholic West and Orthodox East: The Great Schism of 1054	Zenith of Christendom: The Abbey of Cluny
Week 15	Church and State in the Middle Ages: The Gregorian Reform Movement and the Investiture Controversy	Soldiers of Christ: The Crusades
Week 16	A Chimaera of His Age: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and the Cistercian Order	Aristotle Rediscovered: Medieval Scholasticism
Week 17	Perfect Poverty: The Mendicant Orders	“The Dull Mind Rises to Truth through That Which Is Material”: Medieval Art and Architecture
Week 18	The Survival of Rome: The Byzantine Empire	The White North: Medieval Russia
Week 19	Daily Life in the Medieval Church: Liturgy, Spirituality, Sacraments	The Late Medieval Papacy: Avignon, Great Western Schism, and Conciliarism
Week 20	A Changing World: The End of the Middle Ages	Rebirth of Antiquity: The Renaissance
Week 21	Protestantism I: Martin Luther and Lutheranism	Protestantism II: John Calvin and Calvinism
Week 22	Protestantism III: Anglicanism	Protestantism IV: The Radical Reformation
Week 23	Lawfully Assembled in the Holy Ghost: The Council of Trent	The Church Strikes Back: Tridentine Catholicism
Week 24	IHS: The Society of Jesus	A Confessional Age: The Wars of Religion
Week 25	Global Catholicism: The New World	Global Catholicism: The East Indies and China
Week 26	Catholicism in the Seventeenth Century: Scientific Revolution, Gallicanism, and Jansenism	<i>Sapere Aude!</i> The Enlightenment
Week 27	<i>Liberté, égalité, fraternité:</i> The French Revolution and the Age of Napoleon	Prisoner in the Vatican: The Age of Revolution and Vatican I
Week 28	Catholic Art and Architecture: Renaissance, Baroque, and Neoclassical	The Catholic Church in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century
Week 29	Crises of the Twentieth Century: Fascism and Communism	Vatican II
Week 30	Land of the Free and Home of the Brave: The Catholic Church in the USA	The Church and Tradition: The Meaning of History

* Syllabus subject to modification by instructor.