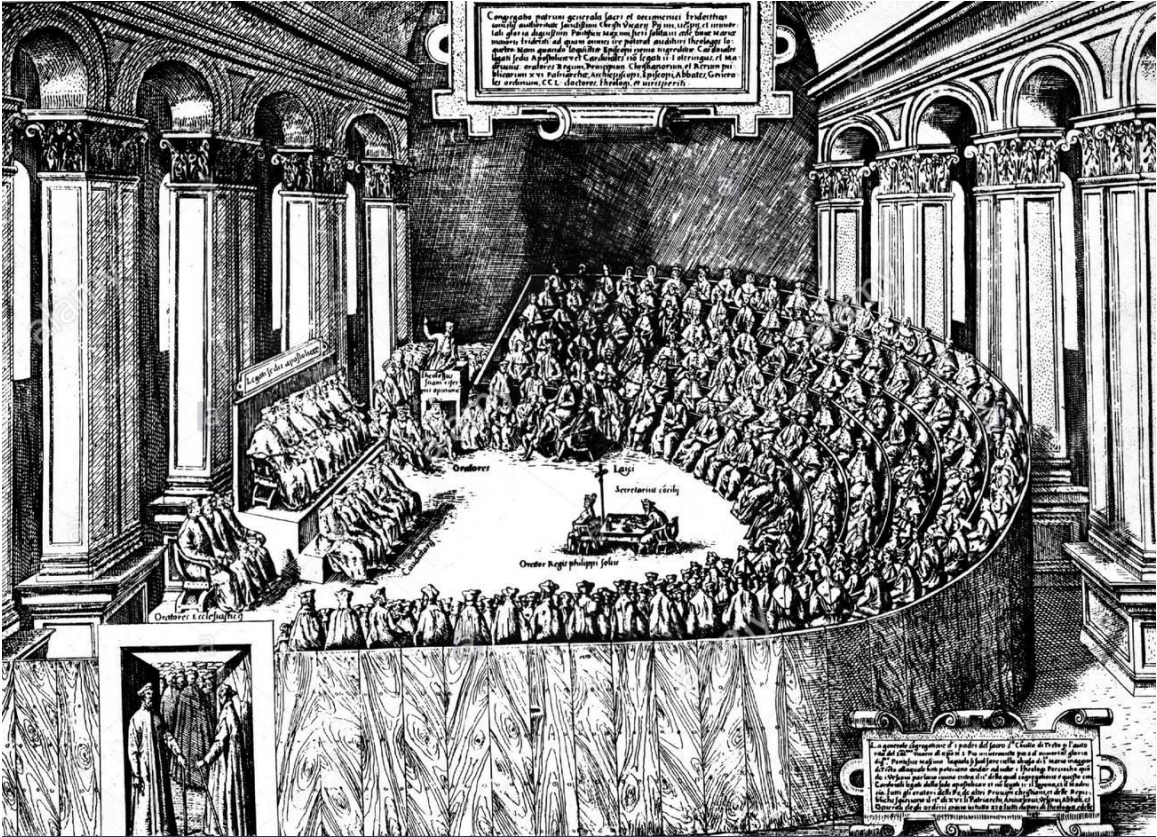


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How do you think England was affected by having its rulers change the religion of the country from Catholic to Protestant to Catholic and finally back to Protestant?

The Catholic Reformation aka the Counter-Reformation

The Council of Trent



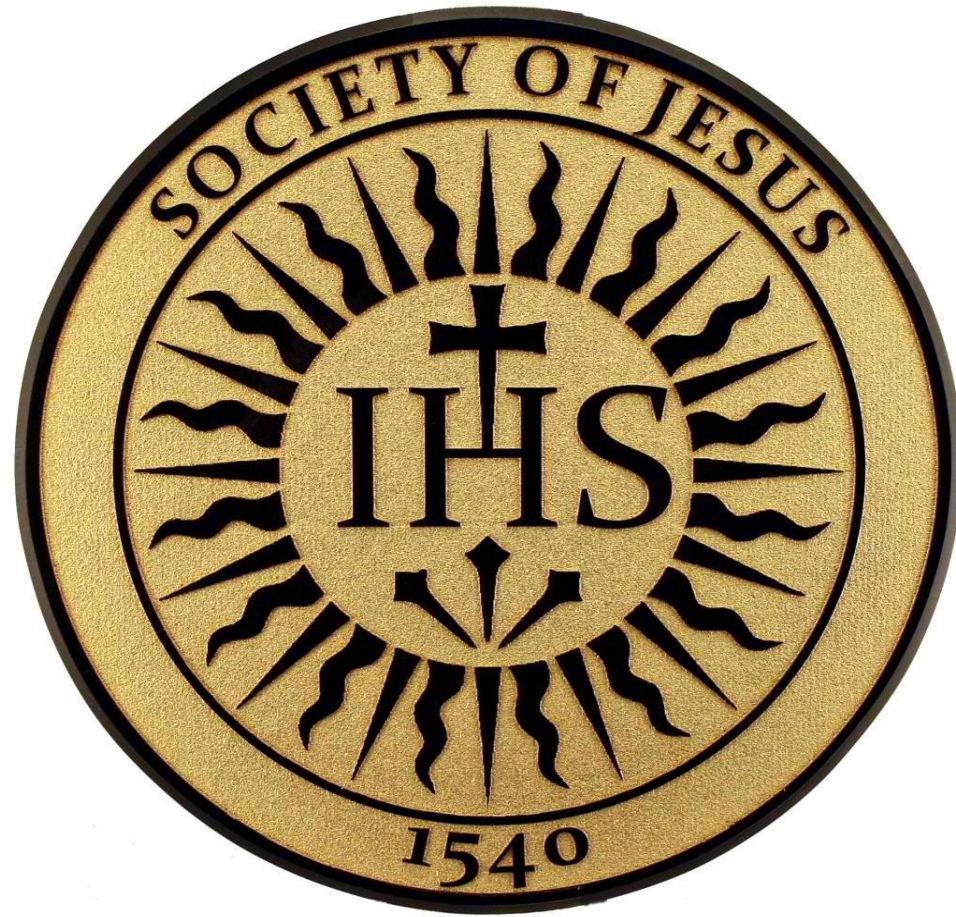
Council of Trent

- In 1545 Pope Paul III took action against the Protestant Reformation.
- Church leaders gathered at the Council of Trent
 - Wanted to gain the moral high ground
 - Rejected several key Protestant beliefs
 - It was decided that only the Catholic Church and leaders could interpret the Bible.
 - Church tradition as important as the Bible
 - Both faith and good deeds were needed for salvation.

- Over time, the Catholic Church ended the many abuses the Protestants had criticized them for.
 - This helped Catholics remain loyal to the faith.

Jesuits

- Jesuits were priests that became educators in Catholic schools and or missionaries, spreading Catholicism.
- Ignatius of Loyola was a soldier who converted to Catholicism and tasked with re-converting the converted.
- Ignatius wrote a set of spiritual exercises that became the basis of the Jesuit order of priests.
- Both Ignatius and the Jesuits helped to strengthen the Catholic Church during this time of Catholic Reformation.



- The “Index of Forbidden Books” was published, naming and shaming 583 heretical texts, including most translations of the Bible and the works of Erasmus, Calvin and Luther.
- New and very large churches were ordered, and acoustics designed, for the first time, for vernacular sermons (sermons said in the common language).
- The Catholic Church used reform to entice back its disillusioned congregations.