

500 Years Later: Is the *Reformation* Still Relevant?

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TIME

THE NEW ROMAN EMPIRE

THE GLOBAL REACH
OF POPE FRANCIS

By Elizabeth Dias



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Revelation 13:1-3

- ⦿ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Little Horn, Beast, Man of Sin

- Irenaeus of Gaul (died AD 202)
- Tertullian of Africa (died AD 240)
- Hippolytus of Porto (died AD 235)
 - Identity of the Antichrist not perceived - still future coming out of Rome and Ten kings
- Arnaut, Archbishop of Rheims (AD 991)
- Frederick II, emperor (died AD 1250)
- Eberhard II, archbishop-Salzburg (AD 1240/41)
- Waldenses



Martin Luther

The two beasts = "the papal empire and the imperial papacy": "The papacy," he declares, "brings the secular sword under its control."

Winfried Vogel, "The Eschatological Theology of Martin Luther, Part II: Luther's Exposition of Daniel and Revelation," *AUSS* 25 (1987) , p. 193; cf. *WA-DB* 7:414, lines 2-8.



Ulrich Zwingli



Melancthon



John Calvin



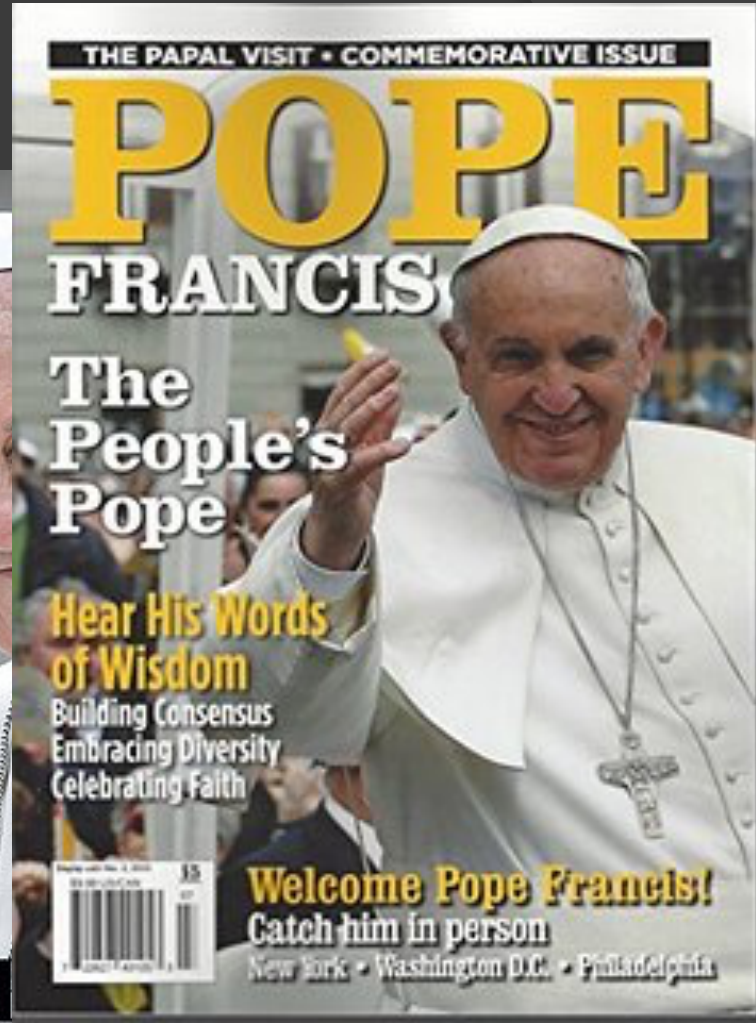
MARTIN LUTHER
1483–1546

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Pope Francis





THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

KUSA

POPE FRANCIS IN AMERICA









House Speaker John Boehner

- "To a kid who grew up as an altar boy, having the pope here was a big deal," Boehner said in an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday. He tried to get each of the three popes who has served during his 20-plus years in Congress to address lawmakers, but only succeeded this year.
- The day after the Pope's address at congress Boehner announced his resignation



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FRED SCHILLING, COLLECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Supreme Court Facts

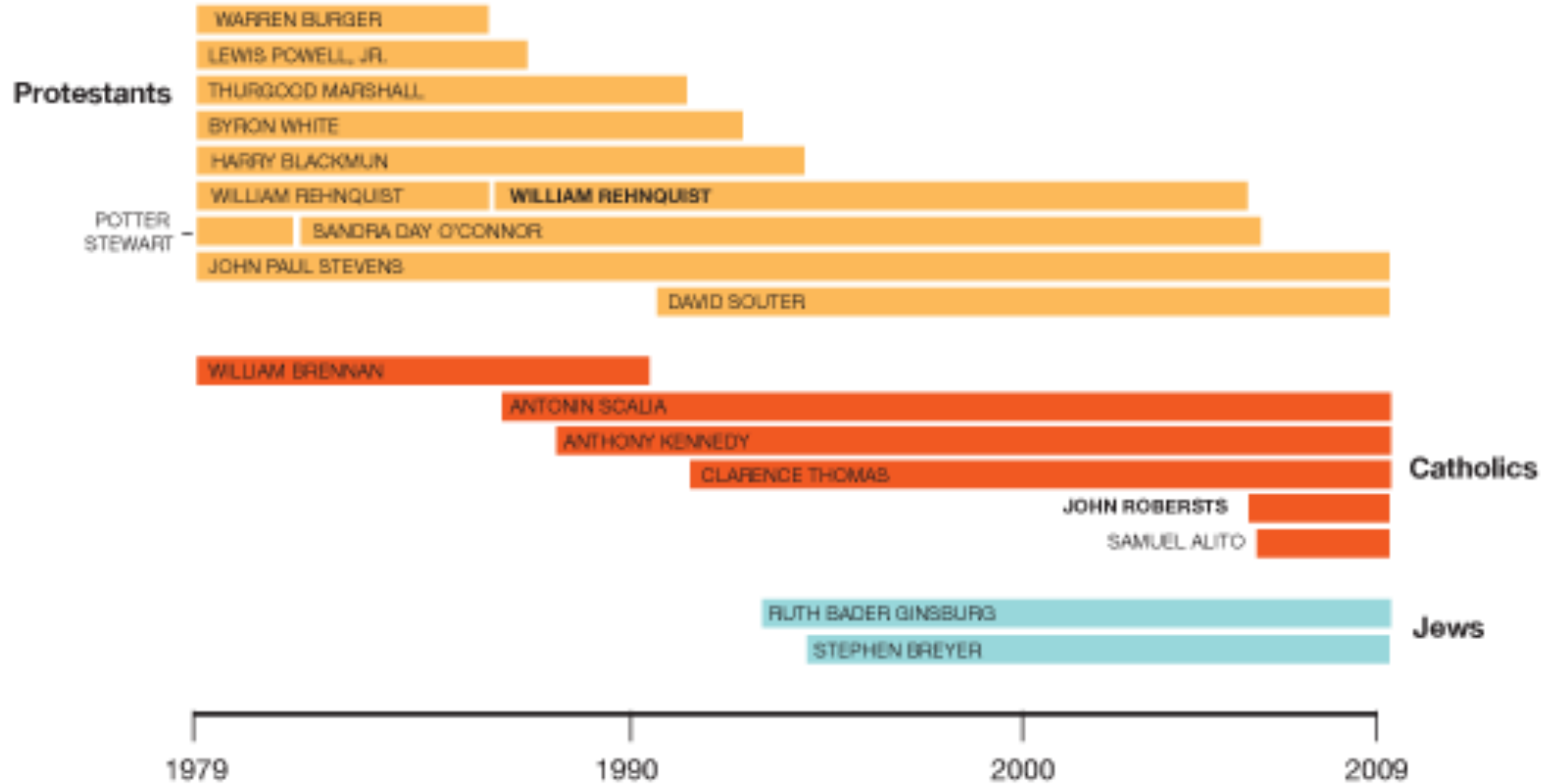
- ◎ 213 Justices in American History
- ◎ 14 have been Catholic, 6%
- ◎ 1994 the Court had a Protestant majority
- ◎ In 2005 a second Catholic was appointed
- ◎ In 2009 the court shifted to 2/3 majority Catholic 6-3, only one Protestant
- ◎ In 2010 with the retirement of John Paul Stevens not a single Protestant serves on the Supreme Court; 6 Catholic, 3 Jewish

Law Professor Jeffrey Rosen

- “It's a fascinating truth that we've allowed religion to drop out of consideration on the Supreme Court, and right now, we have a Supreme Court that religiously at least, by no means looks like America”

Rosen, Jeffrey. *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries That Defined America*. Times Books, 2007.

Supreme Court Statistics



Pope Pius X

- “That the State must be separated from the Church is a thesis absolutely false, a most pernicious error. . . . Hence the Roman Pontiffs have never ceased, as circumstances required, to refute and condemn the doctrine of the separation of Church and State.”

Vehementer Nos §3.

Prophecy of Daniel 2

Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided...so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.
Daniel 2:41,42



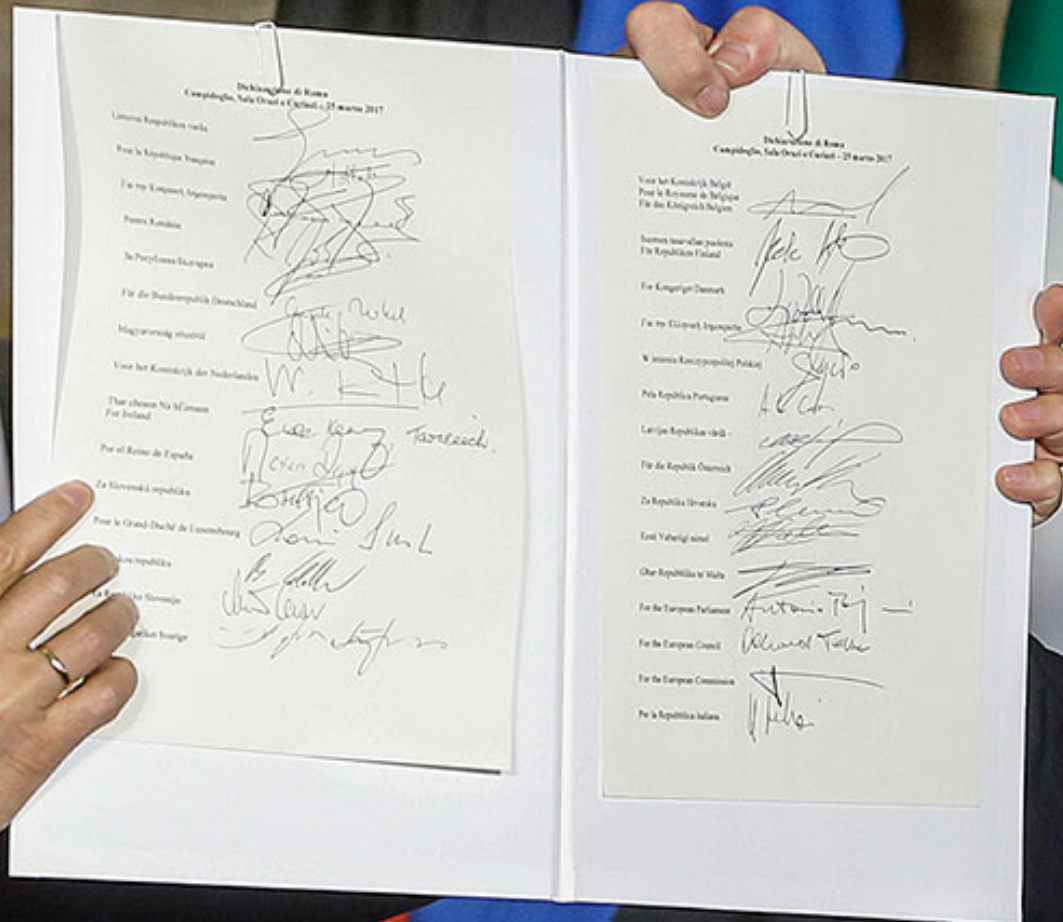
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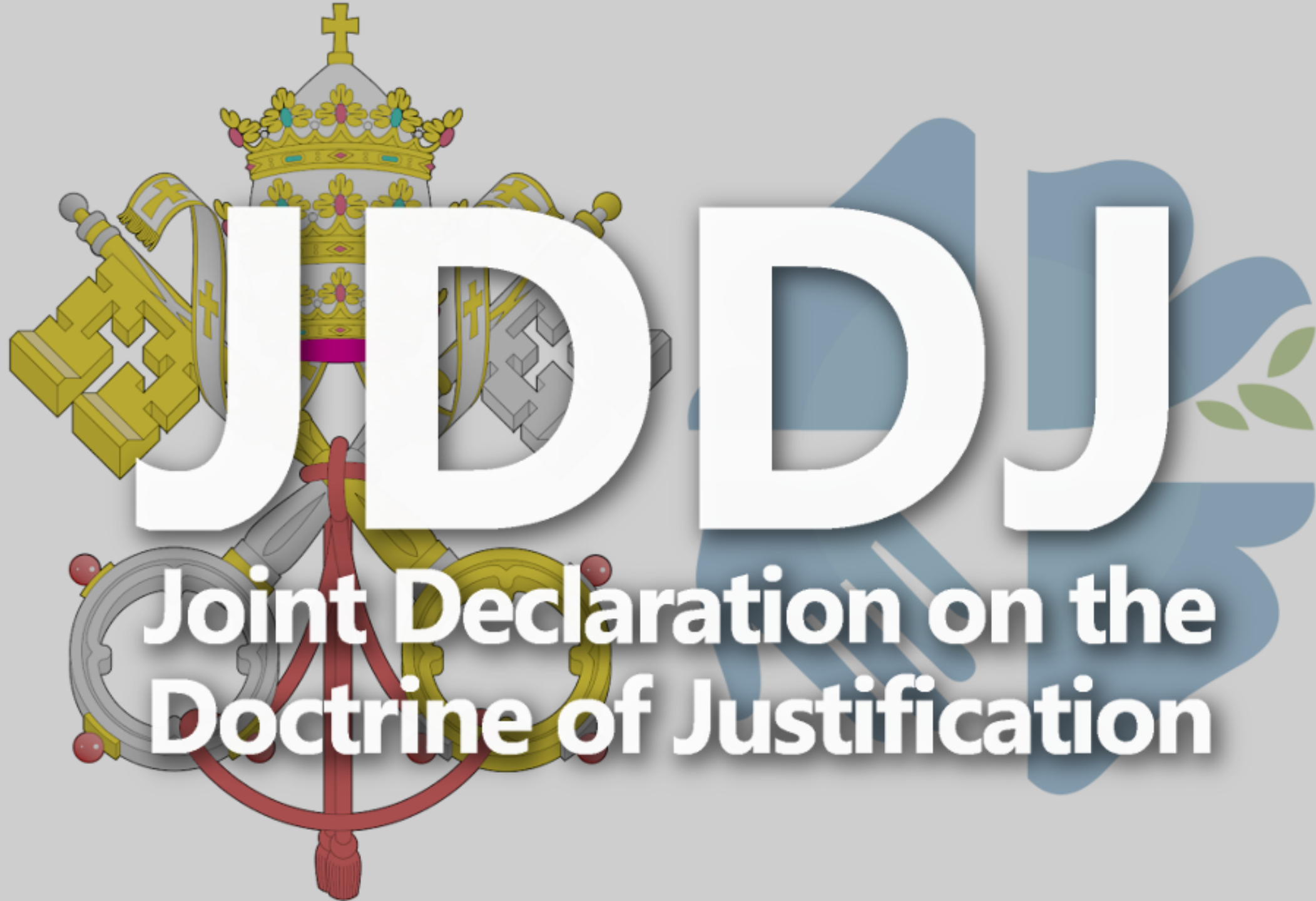
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Voor het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden
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Województwo Śląskie
Für die Republik Portugal
Lettlänks Republik
Für die Republik Österreich
Za Republiku Slovakej
Eesti Vabariik
Chet Republikat ta Malta
Für die Europäische Parlament
Für die European Council
Für die European Commission
Für die Republik Italien







**Joint Declaration on the
Doctrine of Justification**

Joint Declaration

- ◎ "By appropriating insights of recent biblical studies and drawing on modern investigations of the history of theology and dogma, the post-Vatican II ecumenical dialogue has led to a notable convergence concerning justification, with the result that this Joint Declaration is able to formulate a consensus on basic truths concerning the doctrine of justification. In light of this consensus, the corresponding doctrinal condemnations of the sixteenth century do not apply to today's partner." JD 2.13

Great Controversy, p. 571

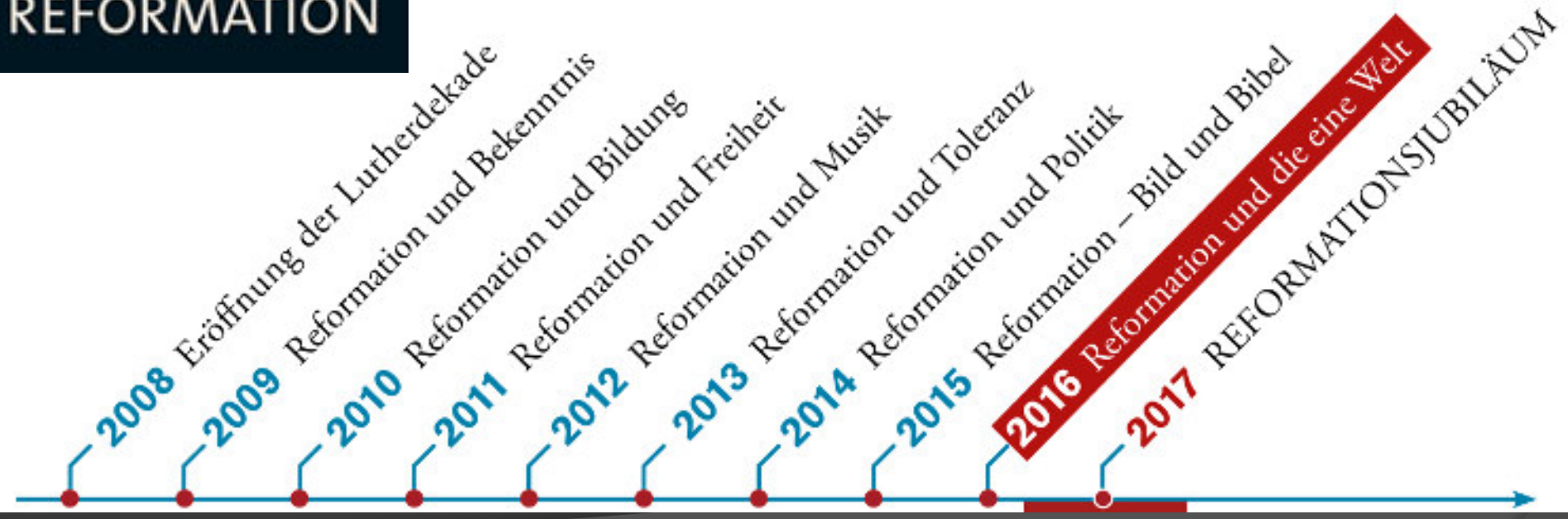
- ◎ It is not without reason that the claim has been put forth in Protestant countries that Catholicism differs less widely from Protestantism than in former times. There has been a change; but the change is not in the papacy. Catholicism indeed resembles much of the Protestantism that now exists, because Protestantism has so greatly degenerated since the days of the Reformers.



LUTHER

2008 - 2017

500 YEARS OF THE
REFORMATION



Jubilees for 2017

- ⦿ Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, 2015-16
- ⦿ Protestant Reformation Jubilee - 500
- ⦿ Jubilee Dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics for 50 years on this topic, since 1967
- ⦿ Jubilee for the charismatic movement in 2017 – 50 years since it began in 1967

The Charismatic Movement

- “Pope Francis invited the crowd, which included charismatics from 55 countries, to come to St. Peter's Square for Pentecost in 2017 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the movement. The Catholic charismatic movement traces its origins to a retreat held in 1967 with students and staff from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.”
- "I expect all of you, charismatics from around the world, to celebrate your great jubilee with the pope at Pentecost 2017 in St. Peter's Square," the pope said.

<http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2014/pope-at-charismatic-rally-in-stadium-invites-them-to-vatican-in-2017.cfm>

Jubilee is for Reconciliation

- It is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, “... and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters.”

http://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/docs/documents/ju_documents_17-feb-1997_history_en.html



Church of Scotland, Oct 26, 2017

⦿ Pope meets with Church of Scotland Delegation

- “The mutual purification of memory is one of the most significant fruits of this common journey the past cannot be changed, yet today we at last see one another as God sees us.”

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/10/26/pope_francis_receives_church_of_scotland_delegation/1345288

Church of England, Oct. 31, 2017



The Great Schism of 1054



February 12, 2016: Havana, Cuba



April 26, 2016: East and West Meet (Greece)



Joint Declaration

- “For our part, in obedience to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, we firmly and wholeheartedly resolve to intensify our efforts to promote the full unity of all Christians. We reaffirm our conviction that «reconciliation [among Christians] involves promoting social justice within and among all peoples... Together we will do our part towards giving migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers a humane reception in Europe (Charta Oecumenica, 2001). By defending the fundamental human rights of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants, and the many marginalized people in our societies, we aim to fulfil the Churches’ mission of service to the world.”

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/04/16/pope_francis_signs_joint_declaration/1223313

June 19-26, 2016: Crete



October 22, 2017: Vatican



Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p. 109

- ⦿ “All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.

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- In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. **Those things which have been, will be repeated.** Old controversies will be revived, and new theories will be continually arising.

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- ⦿ But God's people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, know where they stand. They have an experience that is more precious than fine gold. They are to stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end."

