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Lecture 14:  
Catholic Reformation & effects of religious  
change on life order in 16<sup>th</sup> century Europe

Key Reformation era themes:  
power of the individual & challenges to traditional  
society & order

Returns of Martin Bucer - Class discussion  
↳ microhistory

First half of 16<sup>th</sup> century  
↳ Reformation + confessionalization

Second half of 16<sup>th</sup> century  
↳ religious wars + growing imperial rivalry

Top-down or bottom-up?

↳ political leaders pushing or natural reaction?

- Luther

- Calvin + Zwingli

- English Reformation

- from above - political/ecclesiastical

- from below - theological/doctrinal

of church  
hierarchy

Catholic Reform vs. Counter-Reformation

Spiritualists vs. Reactionists (or zealots)

↳ reformers

↳ no compromise

- Cardinal Reginald Pole - spiritual figure (1500-1558)

- Pope Paul III - patron of the arts & reformer

- calls Council of Trent

## Council of Trent

Catholic spirituality, mysticism, & creation of new orders  
Ignatius of Loyola - founder of Jesuits / Society of Jesus

- Active spirituality
- Became "front line soldiers" for Catholicism
- The Spiritual Exercises

St. Teresa of Avila

- mystical spirituality
- personal piety

- not about submitting to the church

Michel de Montaigne

- Skepticism & secularized dissent

## Rejectionists

- Cardinal Gian Pietro Carafa became Pope Paul IV
  - ↳ Pope Paul IV - hard core rejectionist
- Suppression, persecution, inquisition
  - Index of Prohibited Books
- Pope Pius IV - middle road
  - reconvenes + completes Council of Trent

## Council of Trent

↳ compromise

↳ 3 sessions, majority Italians

↳ Goals of reform + retrenchment

Reform:

Reform of clergy

- Absenteeism + pluralism
- Seminaries, synods
- Strict definition of conduct

Reform of the Laity (revive people)

simplicity in residence, missions, enforcement of the rule

Retrenchment

- Scripture + tradition (not just sole scripture)
- Latin Vulgate
- Original sins
- Faith + WORKS
- Sacraments, purgatory, saints, relics, indulgences
- Unification of the Church

Divergent Directions

Protestantism - towards austerity

- whitewashed walls, sparse furniture, stripped down liturgy

Tridentine Catholicism

- Emotionalism, mysticism, beautiful + complex,