

Influence of Christianity

- **Age of Faith**
- As Secular authority declined, Church authority grew
- Monasteries preserve Greco-Roman cultural achievements
 - St. Benedict – Benedictine Monks
 - Sister – Scholastica – creates women's order
- Missionaries carry Christianity to Germanic tribes
 - Patrick – Ireland
- Pope anoints Charlemagne Emperor
- Parish priests see to the needs of the people
- Church controls **Papal States** – territories in Italy



Charlemagne & the Frankish Kingdom

- 2 Dynasties – Merovingian & Carolingian
- Clovis converts to Christianity
- Charles Martel stops Muslim onslaught at **Battle of Tours**
- Pepin the Short expands Frankish kingdom
- **Charlemagne** crowned Holy Roman Emperor – Christmas Day, 800 CE
- **Age of Charlemagne** – revives Education, Roman culture
 - *Missi Dominici* – Court officials
- **Treaty of Verdun** splits Charlemagne's empire among 3 grandsons



Vikings

- Originate in Scandinavia
- Use Longboats to navigate Rivers/Seas
- Create settlements in Ireland & Iceland
- Eric the Red
 - 1st European in Greenland
- Leif Ericson
 - 1st European to land in North America



Europe

Early Medieval Period

Other Invaders

- Magyars
 - Originate Central Asia, settle Hungary
- Muslims
 - Impact Sea Trade
- Angles, Saxons, Jutes
 - Migrate to British Isles

Feudalism & Manorialism

Solution to new invasions

