

As the Roman Catholic Church grew and gained more prominent within the empire, so did the appearance of the Catholic Cross, their pagan symbol of religious worship that eventually overshadowed the Chi-Rho.

Having established earlier that Constantine had a fascination and respect for the ever-growing Christian movement (just as long as it didn't lead to unrest and violence within the Empire), he wasn't the only one who was drawn to this new religion. True Christians were mindful not to fall into the trap of latching onto pagan (ungodly) signs and symbols for Christian worship, and Constantine, not a true spiritual/confirmed believer, found himself doing the same. The Chi-Rho symbol was never a physical image or object to be used for the purpose of worship, but merely a representation for showing appreciation for Christ, the Son of God. And seeing as Christ was apt at using illustrations to draw people to his Heavenly Father, why couldn't the Chi-Rho (XP) have been used for the same purpose by Christ's followers? It was! Except, the Jupiter Trinity (with a military following) was later assimilated into a purpose more fitting for Catholicism.



Chi-Rho plate featuring Emperor Theodosius



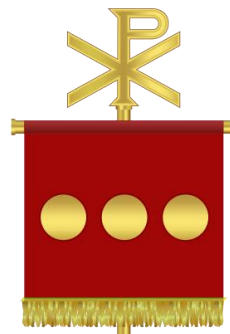
Christian Chi-Rho oil lamp



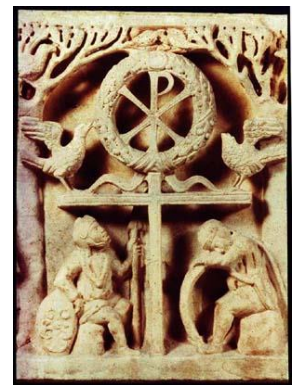
Chi-Rho marble



Diptych of Probus (with Chi-Rho symbol)



Jupiter Trinity Labarum



Labarum drapery lost in battle

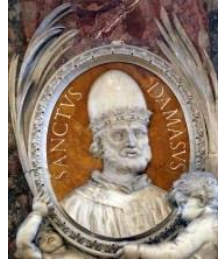


Ancient Christian, Chi-Rho sarcophagus

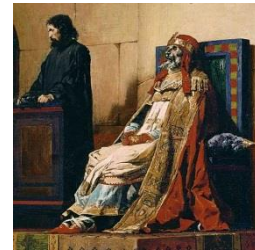
THE POPE'S PALACE (House of Shame)

Were The Prior Residents of the Pope's Palace Worthy to Occupy It? See for Yourself...

Pope Damasus I (reigned 366-384AD) He had women and children sold as slaves to pay for building the Church. If anyone resisted, they were burned at the stake, and their assets seized and utilized for chapel assigned purposes. The Roman Catholic Church made Damasus a saint, but a used chariot dealer had more scruples than him.



Pope Steven VI (896-897AD) He had Pope Formosus, his predecessor, murdered and two fingers from the dead Pope's right hand (the ones for blessing Christians) cut off, and the body thrown in the river. After Formosus' corpse was retrieved and buried, Pope Steven had it exhumed to face trial for perjury (*accused of being a layman*). Formosus had previously made Steven a saint.



Pope Sergius III (904-911AD) *He had a lovechild by a 15-year old girl, Marozia, who was involved in the murder of Pope John X. Pope Sergius III and Marozia's lovechild actually became Pope John XI. The writers of the Dallas and Dynasty TV shows could not have concocted a better setup than this piece of actual history.*



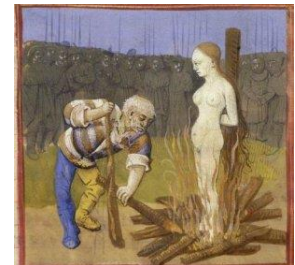
Pope John XII (955-964AD) This "man of the cloth" could not keep it under his cassock! Being a womanizer and an adulterer, Pope John made the sacred palace into a whorehouse, castrated and killed an arch deacon, burnt down the homes of people he hated, refused to make the sign of the Cross with his hand, had incest with his sisters, and died of a stroke while committing adultery.



Pope Benedict IX (1032-1048) He gave up the papacy twice for gold and money. Benedict hosted all-male orgies in the Lateran palace, and freely raped men, women, and children. Saint Peter Damien described the pontiff as “feasting on immorality” and “a demon from Hell in the disguise of a priest.”



Pope Urban II (1088-1099) He started the Christian Crusades and had his soldiers and knights adorn the Catholic Cross on their uniforms. Rapists as well as murderers could be absolved of their sins as long as they signed up to fight. The Crusades resulted in the slaughter of thousands upon thousands of not just soldiers, but civilians, including women and children.



Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) He was responsible for the fourth Crusade, which resulted in 20,000 men, women, and children being wiped out in one place that came to be known as the “Massacre at Beziers.” The pontiff was certainly not “innocent” when it came to being blood guilty...or rape, an old Catholic trait!



Pope Boniface VIII (1235-1303) He had a family feud with the Colonna family, which resulted in his papal army slaughtering 6,000 residents of several towns, including one by the name of Palestrina. Lime was then spread over its adjoining fields so that no crops would ever grow there again. The pontiff was later beaten to death. What goes around comes around!



Pope John XXIII (1410-1415) He had a rap sheet longer than an orangutan's arm—accused of fornication, adultery, sodomy incest, simony, theft, and murder. The Church suppressed the more scandalous charges of incest, sodomy and murder, and made allowances for the rest. A layman guilty of all these offences would have been executed, but a noble or wealthy woman could have bought her freedom in more ways than one. Abstinence be damned! Whoever was the Pope meant different strokes for different folks.



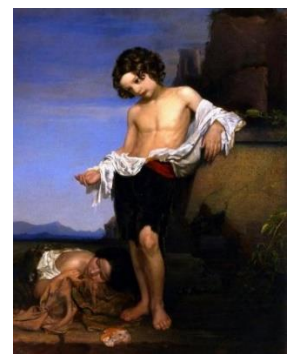
Pope Alexander VI (1492-1503) The Bible strictly forbids any God-fearing persons from hiring a prostitute and bringing them inside the Temple of God.—*Deuteronomy 23:18*. But this real party animal pontiff went into high gear when he had 50 prostitutes invited to his Banquet of Chestnuts orgy inside the Vatican. It was so-named BofC because chestnuts were thrown across the floor, and then the naked prostitutes would crawl around on all fours, picking them up, while Church members of low rank would see how long they could refrain from getting an erection as they sat and watched. Chanting in the Vatican would have been replaced with groaning and a sweaty stench.



Pope Paul III (1534-1549) He allegedly murdered his mother and niece to inherit the family fortune prior to becoming Pope. This pontiff also strangled or immolated anyone he intensely disliked, and even went as far as to execute corrupt Church officials, while he himself took a cut of the profits from Rome's 45,000 prostitutes. Paul was truly the Mafia-like Pope of all Popes. Someone should have thrown the book at him, and preferably the one he's holding!



Pope Julius III (1550-1555) This super bad boy of unal proportions had a hankering for street urchins. In fact, one boy in particular, Innocenzo Ciocchi, a 13-year old beggar, became the pontiff's lover. Julius is currently registered today as a Sex Offender. By the time Innocenzo was 17, he was ordained a cardinal by the Church, but this proved disastrous. After Julius' death, Innocenzo indulged in rape and murder. The Church shunned him but let him keep his title. Innocenzo died...abused!



The sexual depravity of Pope Julius III was not hidden from the Catholic Church by any means! He exploited it in a fresco commissioned by painter Peitro Venale, which can be seen today in Rome by many millions of tourists who visit Julius' old house of pleasure, the Villa Giulia. The old fresco features, believe it or not, a boy masturbating another, while perched on a vine trellis. The boys don't appear to have any wings, so we can only assume that these non-cherubs must have been the much-preferred manifestation from the minds of Popes. The coin below is not an advertisement for a recent costume party in San Francisco, but is a commemorative coin celebrating the day when Julius was ordained as the Pope, Head of the Roman Catholic Church. And get this! Pope Julius was the inventor of the Sacrament of Confession. Yikes! The Church must have thought that this pontiff was so super-righteous that he was untouchable by God. The Babylonian ruler Nimrod lost his Tower of Power due to nothing short of narcissism and blasphemy. Could there be a repeat of that soon...?



Pope Benedict VI He was strangled to death in 974AD. The power struggle turmoil inside the Church in past centuries was not that much different than the ones within the Roman Empire, except it was done on a more secretive level. But the truth sooner or later comes out. This Pope's killer—a Catholic priest.

Pope John XIV He was arrested, beaten, and imprisoned. After spending a long time being locked up, John eventually died of starvation. The pontiff's death was ordered by antipope Boniface VIII in 984AD.

Pope Boniface VII He was, for some undetermined reason, disliked by quite a number of Catholics. After he died, his corpse was dragged naked through the streets and a crowd stabbed it with spears.

Pope John VIII He was poisoned and beaten to death. The pontiff was killed by one of his own clerics.

Pope Lucius II In 1145AD, the pontiff gathered his papal army to quash an uprising, which was sparked by the Senate of Rome who resented the rise of power within the Church. Lucius was hit on the head by a stone and killed.

Pope John XXI In 1277AD, the pontiff needed a much bigger study built at the papal palace to cope with his ever-increasing hunger for...hmm, hard to tell with these Popes. Having hurried his workers to get the job done, the botched ceiling collapsed, killing Pope John, while God must have been looking the other way, possibly distracted with more important matters...or people, perhaps???

THE HOLY INQUISITION

The Holy Inquisition was spearheaded by Pope Gregory IX. It was a vicious and heinous way of forcing people into confessing to being either a sorcerer, witch, homosexual, lesbian, Jew, Protestant, and all Christian nonconformists, including nontrinitarians. The victims who suffered the most were women, especially when it came to the most sadistic form of torture device, known as the "Pope's Pear" (also Pear of Anguish). This pear-shaped tool was inserted inside a woman's vagina and the screw handle was then turned until the woman agonizingly confessed to who the Roman Catholic Church believed was a gross sinner (witch etc.). Due to painful duress, a confession would be brought on quickly regardless of whether the victim was guilty or not, and the guilty then faced further agony when they were taken outside and burned at the stake. The Pope used Franciscan friars to carry out this atrocity, probably assuming they could successfully humiliate women who were being tortured, while they in no way were aroused by the sight of a naked body due to the Franciscan vow of abstinence. Sentence of Death was enforced mostly upon a layman (not members of the Clergy), which included women, but the Vatican had a history of ordaining a layman to their priesthood. Cover-ups were a dime-a-dozen. If a Catholic bishop was found guilty of dabbling in sorcery via doubling as a Shaman priest, then they got nothing more than having their right-hand (the one they use for blessing Christians) impaled on an upright piece of wood in the public square. Being burned at the stake was the Catholic Church's way of giving a major sinner a quick road to Hell, but as for the clergy...well, it wasn't uncommon for them to protect their own no matter what.



Shaman & Shamaness



sorcerers



Pope's Pear—Museo of Torture



MORE ACTS OF BARBARISM

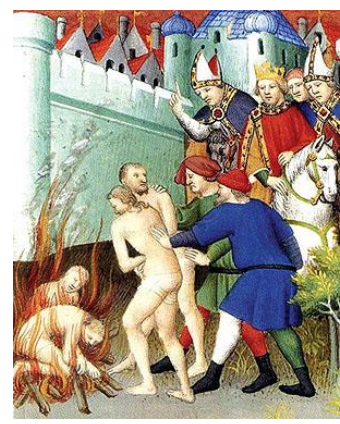
Judge Thee Not! Only God Has The Power To Condemn!



Victim of rape and humiliation by king and clergy



Victims of genitalia torture by the clergy



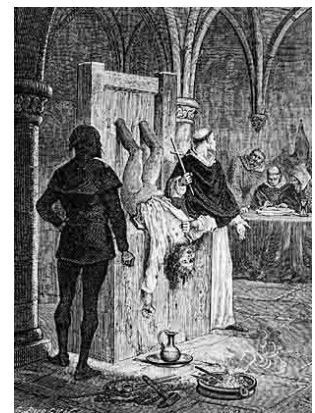
Cathars incineration by Catholics and king



A victim of garroting by the clergy



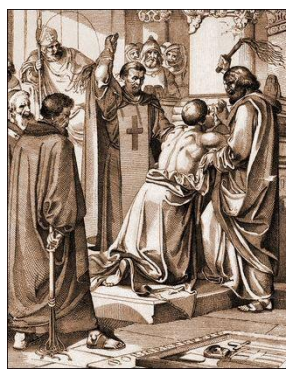
Victims of nipple twisting and burning by the clergy



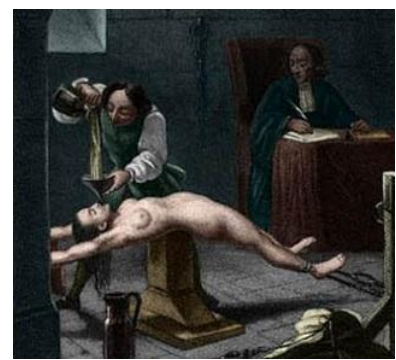
Victim of brain-drowning by clergy



Victim of rape and torture by the clergy



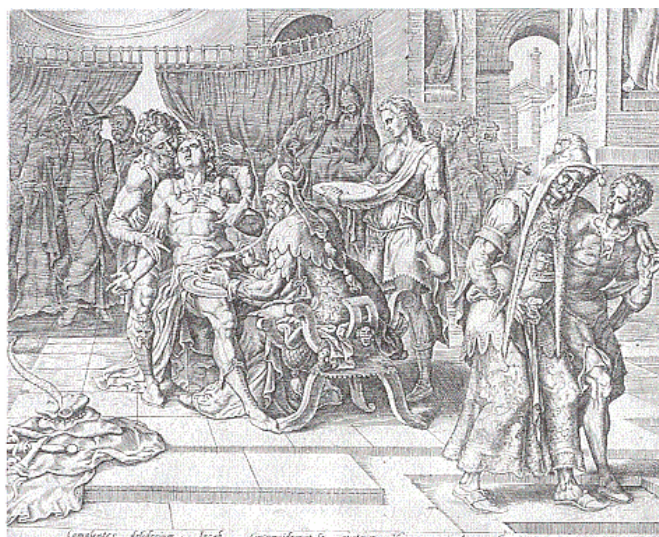
Victim of triple-flogging by clergy



A victim of rape and water torture by clergy

CASTRATION

Castration was a practice common in the Middle Ages, which became something endorsed by the Catholic Church. It was usually done for two main reasons—to curb the unrestrained sexual desires of serial rapists and unrepentant thugs, and to ensure the longevity of the angelic-like voices of singing Church choir boys. It was done mostly by the local barbers, but when their obligation to the Church began to dwindle, Catholic priests were trained to continue the procedure. One Medieval barber in Rome was known to have had a sign outside of his place of employment that read: “Castration Done Here For Papal Choir.”



Roman Catholic priest castrator



King and clergy officiating the forced castration of a boy

During the 1950's, 10 Dutch teenage boys and young men under the age of 21 were surgically castrated in the Roman Catholic Church's attempt to rid homosexuality inside a Catholic boarding home. Henk Heithus, 20, reported the abuse to the police, but they ignored it and transferred Henk to a Catholic psychiatric hospital. While there, Henk was castrated. He died two years later in a car accident. The hospice staff claimed that Henk wanted to be castrated, and they didn't think that his parents needed to be informed prior to the procedure. An investigation uncovered 1,800 reports of rampant sexual abuse by the clergy and volunteers within Dutch Catholic dioceses in a period since 1945.



Medieval castration by clergy



Henk Heithus