HOW?

## HOLOCAUST – “The Final Solution”

* The Nazis used the term "the Final Solution" to refer to their plan to murder the Jewish people.
* It is estimated that 11 million people were killed during the Holocaust. Six million of these were Jews.
* The Nazis killed approximately two-thirds of all Jews living in Europe.
* An estimated 1.1 million children were murdered in the Holocaust.
  + 3.3 million in the gas chambers
  + about 500,000 died in the ghettos of Eastern Europe of hunger, disease, and exhaustion, and as victims of random terror and reprisals.

The Jews were loaded on trucks or marched to remote areas. They were machine gunned into natural ravines, antitank trenches or the mass graves they were ordered to dig.

in 1942, the Nazis contructed six installations in Poland with large scale gassing facilities and with crematoria for the disposal of bodies. They were Auschwitz, Belzec, Chelmno, Majdanek, Sobibor, and Treblinka.

beginning of world war 2, 1939

Roman Catholic church remained “neutral”.

With Poland overrun, but France and the Low Countries yet to be attacked, Pius continued to hope for a negotiated peace to prevent the spread of the conflict. The similarly minded US President Franklin D. Roosevelt **re-established American diplomatic relations with the Vatican after a seventy year hiatus**

[**February 28, 1867** Congress passed legislation that prohibited any future funding to United States diplomatic missions to the Vatican. This decision was based on mounting anti-Catholic sentiment in the United States]

and dispatched Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative. Despite the early collapse of peace hopes, the Taylor mission continued at the Vatican.[9]