# Society

* Edict of Milan (313) secularized Christian values: civil liberties, schools, orphanages, food pantries established; infanticide and crucifixion ended. Edict of Thessalonica (380) Christianity official religion.
* Bishop Nicholas (270-343): revered worldwide, especially Germany where he’s known as Sinterklaas, and Russia as patron of children, sailors, and the wrongfully convicted. Advanced a gift giving culture.
* Pope Leo the Great (P. 440-61): spiritual and temporal leader preserving Western civilization.
* Abbess Brigid (452-524): Her Monasteries turned into commercial, agricultural, educational, and recreational centers. Irish preserved early church writings and classic literature during numerous invasions.
* Benedict of Nursia (480-547): Monks replaced slaves, working farms and vineyards. The towns that formed around their modern, well planned, and invested monasteries flourished. He is the patron saint of Europe.
* Pope Gregory the Great (590-604): Arbiter, judge, food and civil defense leader. Arranged peace with Lombards. Built education system and agricultural economy of Europe. Sheltered the poor.
* Charlemagne (768-814): Pope Leo III crossed Alps for protection from Roman families. Charlemagne obliged, expanding Papal States. Holy Roman Empire conquered Saxons united continent.
* Crusades: Pope Urban II (P. 1088-99) declared Cross War to reunite Church after 4 centuries of Muslim conquest. Knights Templar circumvented ban on usury, pioneered banking using debited paper vouchers.
* Bible: Impact exploded in 1455 when Gutenberg published first printed Bible. Now 5-7B Bibles in 2K languages. 20M/year in US alone. Bible translation key to development of German, English, and Russian.

# Human Rights and Reform

## Individual Impact

Individual Catholics uphold human dignity and defend human rights.

* Monk Telemachus (-404): jumped barrier, rushed into arena to stop proceedings. Crowd stoned him but were soon stunned and repentant. Moved by the scene, the Christian Emperor banned the fights in 404.
* Bishop John Chrysostum (347-407): Reformed corruption and instructed priests to meet needs of working parishioners with evening services. Sold his furnishings to build hospital, provide money to poor.
* Bishop Robert Grosseteste (1175-1273): Clerical and monastic reform, preached in vernacular, refused to accept unqualified papal appointees. He wrote to the pope that: “I disobey, resist, and rebel.”
* Princess Marguerite (1492-1549): Called herself “Prime Minister of the Poor.” Founded orphanages, schools, hospitals, and public works programs.
* St. Vincent de Paul (1576-1660): Cared for orphans, sick, poor, dying, and convicts. Patron of charity, volunteers, and hospitals.
* Antoine Frederic Ozanam (1813-53) founded the Society of St. Vincent De Paul to care for the sick and poor.
* Father John of Avila (1500-69): Donated fortune became parish priest, challenged corruption, co-founded Universities of Grenada & Baeza, among 1st colleges run by diocesan priests, template for Jesuit training.
* Father John Bosco (1815-88): Centers for homeless boys. Wrote them books on history and faith. Guided them to apprenticeships or priesthood. Founded Salesian priests, female and Third Orders.
* Father Damien (1840-89): Volunteered to serve the leper colony on Molokai, contracting leprosy in 1885. During his 12 years there, Father Damien built houses, churches, an orphanage, and a hospital.
* Sister Blandina Segale (1850-1941): Founded Colorado school, Santa Fe prison ministry, co-founded public and parochial schools, orphanage, and hospital for the poor and immigrants, advocating for their legal rights.
* Mother Francesca Cabrini (1850-1917): Founded Missionary Sisters of Sacred Heart and 67 institutions, incl. NY Columbus Hospital for immigrant, schools and orphanages in 16 cities and 8 countries in <30 years.
* Mother Katherine Drexel (1858-1955): Founded 145 missions, 50 African American (AA) and 12 Native Americans (NA) schools, [Xavier Univ. L](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xavier_University_of_Louisiana)a.. Patron saint racial justice, philanthropy, and AA-NA education.
* Father Michael McGivney (1852-90): Founded Knights of Columbus to serve immigrants and working class. 2M Knights worldwide perform charity and disaster relief, promoting Catholic education and evangelization.
* Frank Duff (1889-1980): Started soup kitchens, founded the Legion of Mary, ended Dublin’s red-light district, set up halfway houses paying off Madams. Today there are >10M members in 200 countries.
* Father Jose Maria Escriva (1902-5): Founded Opus Dei 100K members 100 countries. Perform charity and [social work](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_work), run universities, schools, publishing houses, hospitals, technical and agricultural training centers.
* Sister Mary Rose McGeady (1928-2012): Covenant House rescues children from addiction, gangs, physical & sex abuse, trafficking. >1M street kids rescued since 1972. Serves 80K children/year in 31 cities, 6 countries.
* Archbishop Jaime Sin (1928-2005): Opposed government corruption, martial law, and murder. *People Power Revolution:* peaceful protests toppled Ferdinand Marcos and Joseph Estrada despite Rome’s order to stop.
* Father Jerzy Popieluszko (1947-84): Drew 50K people to Sunday masses with peaceful resistance homilies broadcast to M’s on radio free Europe. 3 communists feigned breakdown, beat to death. 1M Poles @funeral.
* John Paul II (P. 1978-2005): Mass for 2M people as they chanted ‘we want God.’ Worked with Reagan and Gorbachev. After 52 years Poland was liberated.

As the Church and State intermingled, secularization gave rise to monasticism and internal and societal reform.

## Monastic Impact

Monastic orders formed the basis for modern agriculture, social reform, social aid, and international law,

* Benedictines: In 910, monks opposed simony and nepotism, offered free shelter to the poor and travelers. >2K Cluniac 12th Century monasteries produced 3 popes.
	+ In 1098, Elite, disciplined, Cistercian monks pioneered new lands and advanced agriculture. One Monastery covered 1K square miles and 70 villages. Employed uneducated, jobless youth as worker monks.
	+ Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) founded 65 monasteries, challenged corrupt Papal Bureaucracy. Professed voluntarism, oneness of will, and humble affection for God.
* Mendicants: reformers advanced missions and mysticism, opposed corrupt Monarchs and rich Roman families. Vernacular preaching, theology, and education advanced faith. Re-involved laymen in Third Orders.
	+ Cardinal Francisco Ximenez (1436-1517) reformed the role of bishops and scholarship, shutting down wayward orders before the Reformation.
* Latin America: Conquistadors saw an opportunity for fame and fortune in America. Spanish enslaved natives and imported African slaves to the Caribbean and the Americas. Practice spread to Portuguese Brazil.
	+ **Franciscans**: Archbishop Juan de Zumarraga (1468-1548) censured Mexico for mistreatment of natives. Brought the 1st printing press to America, established hospitals and schools for native boys and girls.
	+ Bernardino de Sahagun (1499-1590) translated sermons, prayer books, catechism, and Gospels.
	+ **Dominicans**: Bartolome de Las Casas (1474-1566) oppressed natives but realized his error. Gained support of Cardinal Ximenez. His human rights campaign resulted in New Laws to protect native Americans.
	+ *Father of International Law*, Francisco De Vitoria (1485-1546) defined native rights.
	+ Alonzo de Montufar (1489-1572) appealed to Spain for emancipation of African slaves but was denied.
	+ 1st Bishop of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, Antonio de Valdivieso (1495-1550) martyred defending New Laws.
	+ **Jesuits**: Run orphanages, hospitals, schools, universities, half-way houses, promoted social justice, answer directly to Rome. In Paraguay 1609, helped establish native Guarani free state. Jesuit Reductions (Missions) combated slave traders advanced farming, ranching, architecture, and metallurgical skills. Guarani highest literacy rate worldwide. Supported Revolt when Spanish Portuguese treaty carved up Paraguay, relocating them to Uruguay*.* Portugal expelled Jesuits 1759, devastated education; protests ignored, missions failed.
	+ Jose de Anchieta (1534-97) published a dictionary and book of grammar in Brazil.
	+ Pedro Claver (1581-1654) ministered in Cartagena as *Slave of the Slaves*. He baptized over 300K, cared for the ill, traveling to the ships, mines, and plantations, daring to take the natives into white colonial churches.
	+ Antonio de Montoya (1585-1682) Built 11 Brazilian Reductions. Portuguese murdered and enslaved villagers; moved them to Argentina. Wrote Reduction history, native culture, dictionary, grammar book.
	+ Eusebio Kino (1644-1711) founded missions & villages in Baja. Defended natives against slavery, improved agricultural methods, provided cattle. Opened roads, charted rivers expanding trade & quality of life.

The Church defends human rights, reforming itself and promoting societal reform. The impact of the Church on Human Rights never ceased.

## Churchwide Impact

Faced with secular backlash, the Church fights for the rights of children and worker’s, and religious freedom.

* Council of Trent (1545-63): mandated Diocesan seminaries, set standards of conduct, modernized role of bishop, and expelled prostitutes from Rome. Soon after, Church published vernacular Catechism.
* Vatican I: United Italy took Papal States by force, ending Vatican I in 1871. Loss of temporal power built spiritual authority, deepened under secularization of Kulturkampf, Fascism, and Communism.
* Pope Leo XIII (P. 1878-1903): opposed socialism, oligarchs, and child labor, promoting worker’s rights. Gave rise to Christian Democrats across Europe and priests supporting American unions.
* Vatican II: Declaration: “human person has right to religious freedom.” No one should be prevented from “acting in accordance with beliefs, privately or publicly, alone or in association with others, within due limits.”
* Pope Francis: Reformed Curia corruption from Governance to Civil Service. Female appointments include:
1. Francesca Di Giovanni 1st first woman to hold a Vatican post, undersecretary of foreign ministry.
2. Sister Nathalie Becquart 1st woman consultant to the general secretariat of the Synod of Bishops on young people, right to vote in a Catholic Synod of Bishops. Led *Synodal Church* process.
3. 2 nuns and a laywoman to the Dicastery for Bishops, which offers opinions on position papers and candidates for the Bishopric.
4. Sister Raffaella Petrini to the second highest position in Vatican City, Secretary General.
5. 2 U.S. women experts as members of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, a position once reserved for cardinals and bishops.

# Medicine

Christians pioneered hospitals, hospices, and hostels.

* Hemione, Zephania, and Philonilla: Deacon Philip’s daughter (Acts), Hermione opened 1st known Christian medical clinic, serving poor, Christians, and pagans and 1st known Christian hostel. She refused payment.
* Cousins of Paul, Zenaida and Philonilla founded a free clinic in Thessaly, renowned for healing hot springs. Zenaida, spiritual councilor, pediatrics and psychiatrics. Philonilla gynecology. Both used scientific medicine.
* Cyrus (-C311): Treated body and spirit, never accepting payment. He instructed patients to obey God's commands because sickness can result from sin. Well known for care for the poor, people built him a hospital.
* Basil the Great (330-79): ran soup kitchens, built 1st Christian hospitals, ran schools & orphanages.
* Sampson the Hospitable (-530): Medical treatment without charge. Sold inheritance, freed slaves, moved into small house took in homeless and sick. Operated one of largest free hospitals for 600 years.
* Hospitaler, Templar and Teutonic Knights: Knights Hospitaller founded in 1080 to care for poor, sick, and injured pilgrims to the Holy Land. French Knights Templar and German Teutonic Knights followed.
* Sister Jeanne Marie Rendu (1786-1856): Worked in slums, catechized girls, fed, clothed, and cared for Les Misérables. Founded clinic and school, personally serving cholera victims. Mentored Fredrick Ozanam.
* Father Camillus de Lellis (1550-1614): Founded mendicant Camillians. Served sick, plague victims, and soldiers in triage units wearing Red Cross. 4th vow to serve sick even at risk of their own lives.
* Sister Marianne Barbara Cope (1838-1918): Founded 1st 2 Catholic Hospitals Central NY, Superior General St. Joseph’s Hosp., Syracuse, helped found Syracuse Univ. Med. School. Built Hosp. Oahu, 1st general Hosp. Maui, girls home children of lepers, home for women and girls on Molokai. Cared for Father Damien.
* Mary Glowrey (1887-1957): Surgeon, 1st female MD New Zealand, Catholic clerical MD. 37 years in India, treated >600K patients. Trained nurses and midwives founded health system serving > 21M/year.

# Education

The evolution of western education flows from a Catholic foundation, its schools and teachers.

## Institutions

Catholics seek the truth using disputation: “debate, formal argument, defense of a thesis by logic,” and reconciliation: “making one belief compatible with another, restoring friendly relations.”

* Catechetical School of Alexandria: John Mark founded, oldest in world. Open to men, women, Christians, Pagans, educated local and foreign apologists, theologians, leaders, missionaries, and philosophers.
	+ Pantaenus (-200) linked philosophy and theology and developed Scriptural interpretation. He introduced sciences to the school and conducted personal missionary work in India, Yemen, Arabia, and Ethiopia.
	+ Bishop Clement of Alexandria (155-215) introduced the Quadriga interpretation of Scripture: literal, allegorical, moral, and anagogical. He believed that all truth and goodness are linked to God.
	+ Blind from 4, Didymus (313-98) used his ‘audio-graphic’ memory as a scholar and head of the Catechetical School. He used carved letters, prefiguring braille to help the blind. One of the first Holy Spirit theologians.
* Antiochian School of Christian Beliefs: Bishop Theophilus (120-190) converted, devoted to Scriptural study, initiated school, wrote apologetics, exegetics, and polemics. Described Trinity as God, word, and wisdom.
* Bardaisanite School of Syria: Bardaisan (154-222) studied and understood differing philosophies and cultures of Arabs, Britons, Chinese, Germans, Greeks, Indians, & Persians. Believed birth conditions limit choices.
* Vivarium Christian Institute: After fall of Rome, Cassiodorus (485-585) and Pope Agapetus (535-6) built a Greek and Latin Library to serve a Catholic school. Cassiodorus created the monastic transcription artform.
* Cathedral Schools:
	+ Isidore of Seville (560-636) built Encyclopedia of knowledge: math, astronomy, Bible/interpretation, history, language, geometry, law, medicine, music, rhetoric, Church canon/offices. Brought Arabic numerals to Europe. Formed foundation of Cathedral and Monastic schools, 800 year basis of primary to university education.
	+ Alcuin (735-804) Carolingian Renaissance: established Cathedral schools, Latin literacy, defined morals of economic, family, and sexual conduct, introduced lower case alphabet, enabling quick script copying.
* England: Theodore of Tarsus (602-90) was driven from his home by Muslim invasions, and from Italy for his Orthodox faith. As Archbishop of Canterbury, he introduced eastern theology, education, & administration.
* Abbey Schools: Archbishop Rabanus Maurus (776-856) Encyclopedia of Church, Scripture, mathematics, grammar, philosophy, physical & natural science, history, poetry, for bishops, scholars, priests, and laymen.
* France: Lanfranc (1010-89) served as Prior of Bec in Normandy, Abbot of St. Stephens in Normandy, and Archbishop of Canterbury. Laid the foundation for modern French education.
* Scholasticism: Gerbert (jay-bear.) pioneered education of his era. Tutored future Emperor Otto III, who sponsored him to become Pope Sylvester II (P. 999-1003). Opened the door to Aristotelian Scholasticism.
* Universities:
	+ The University of Constantinople traces its origins to the Pandidakterion founded in 425.
	+ Catholic Universities centered on lectures and free, open, public, and vigorous debates or disputations.
	+ A Salerno Medical School founded in the 8th Century featuring female students and faculty.
	+ The next 3 were cathedral schools.
	+ Irnerius (1050-1125) commentaries on Roman law led to Univ. Bologna 1088, papal clerk training ground.
	+ Benedictine monk Gratian rationalized 800 years of canons (341-1139) based on the Bologna Civil Law. Canon Law formed the basis for western nation laws.
	+ Univ. Paris originated from the Notre Dame cathedral school 1150, From Arts to Medicine, Law, Theology.
	+ The University of Salamanca was founded in 1134.
	+ Oxford founded in the late 12th century, Cambridge in 1209.
	+ John of Avila (1500-69) co-founded the Universities of Grenada and Baeza, providing a template for seminaries and Jesuit training. Among first colleges run by diocesan priests.
	+ Jesuits founded > 800 universities closed when order was suppressed 18th Century. There are now 189 worldwide, 27 in U.S. In total there are 3,730 Jesuit schools educating 2.5M students.

# Part II

## Teaching Orders

* Ursulines: Angela Merici (1474-1540) founded the first order for women dedicated solely to education, 1st female religious order to enter US in 1727.
* Piarists: CCD teachers refused to teach poor without charge. Bishop Joseph Calasanz (1557-1648) formed Piarists teaching humanities, math, science, and hygiene in vernacular to poor Catholics, Protestants, & Jews.
* Christian Brothers: John Baptiste De La Salle (1651-1719) donated wealth, founded Christian Brothers, built schools for orphans, rich, delinquents, and trades, taught in vernacular in grades, innovated blackboard.
* Franciscans: Thea Bowman (1937-1990) Sister of Saint Francis @15, earned PHD in English, taught from elementary to univ., Broke down racism in Miss, NY, Ca, Ha, Canada, Virgin Islands, Kenya, Nigeria.
* Most Pure Heart of Mary: founded in Savannah Ga for African Americans in 1916. Became Order of Black Nuns in Harlem (*Sister Act)*. Specialize in pre-school education and day and evening care for working parents.
* Sisters of Charity: Elizabeth Anne Seton (1774-1821) founded Sisters of St. Joseph 1st order of nuns formed in US, 1st US parochial education, renamed Sisters of Charity, founded orphanage, by 1900, 40K U.S. sisters.
* Religious of the Virgin Mary: Ignacia del Espiritu Santo (1663-1748) founded Convent of the Company of Jesus, renamed the Religious of the Virgin Mary against Spanish law.
* Oblate Sisters of Providence: Elizabeth Lange (1794-1882) founded school for underprivileged, 1st American order for African American women, home for widows and orphans, 25 cities and foreign countries.
* Sisters of the Holy Family: Henriette Dellile (1813-62) Helped sick & elderly on plantations@14. Founded order for African American women, home for poor, sick & elderly, community center for slaves & free blacks.

## Arts

Christianity takes pride in advancing the study of society, culture, and the humanities, including anthropology, art, folklore, geography, history, language, law, literature, philosophy, politics, and religion.

### Poets

* Lactantius (250-325): Prof. Latin rhetoric resigned over persecutions. Defended Christianity against elite pagans & philosophers. Poetry earned title of *Christian Cicero*. Advanced freedom of conscience and religion.
* Deacon Ephraim (306-73): wrote with imagery, symbols, and metaphors. Founded School of Nisibis, learning center of the Syriac Church, and wrote voluminous commentaries & practical instruction.
* Bishop Paulinus of Nola (354-431): renowned classic Latin poetry was redirected to venerate St. Felix.
* Prudentius (348-423): popularized the metaphorical epoch poetry of medieval Europe. Retiring to an ascetic life, he wrote hymns, apologies, and poems venerating martyrs.
* Greats: Poets known by one name include Dante, Chaucer, and Shakespeare (likely a closet Catholic).

### Artists

Renaissance artists recognized by surname alone: Donatello, Bellini, Botticelli, da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rubens, Bernini, and Fra Angelico. Michelangelo one of greatest: painters, sculptors, and architects.

### Composers

* Chords date back to ancient Greece. Early Church sang OT Psalms.
* Ephraim’s chants, hymns, and antiphonal songs a staple of Syrian Church.
* Chrysostom imported his music to Constantinople, Ambrose to Milan.
* Gregorian chant developed in the 9th and 10th Centuries.
* In the year 1,000, Fra Guido d’Arezzo devised the foundation for melody and harmony, the musical scale.
* Renaissance composer, Giovanni Palestrina’s harmonic opposition to melody, musical counterpoint.
* In the 18th and 19th century classic composers includes Vivaldi, Hayden, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert.
* Adam Liszt Franciscan before becoming a musician, teacher, and conductor.
* Franz Liszt (1811-86) 22-46: 2 affairs, 3 children, Freemason, Rockstar. 48: lost son and daughter, 3rd Order Franciscan, composed oratorios, Chant, and coronation mass, master piano lessons, >4K miles/year rail/road.

### Authors

* Augustine (354-430): intimate autobiography was the first of its kind. It is accepted as the transition point from ancient to modern man. He was prolific writing 500 sermons, 200 letters and 100 books.
* Thomas Aquinas (1225-74): Patron Catholic schools, cornerstone Catholic Theology. Synthesized reason with revelation, approach dominated Church for 200 years.
* Raymundus Lallas (1235-1315): campaigned for language chairs in 5 universities to teach Arabic, Chaldean, Greek, and Hebrew to missionaries. 3 Islamic missions, last in martyrdom @82, stoned by Tunisian Muslims.
* Manuel Chrysoloras (1350-1415): wrote a clear, concise Greek primer in Florence. Previous transcriptions were verbatim, he transliterated expressing spirit versus letter.
* Lorenzo di Valla (1405-57): developed philology to study structure, development, & relationship of languages.
* G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936) famous for novels, and writings that influenced C.S. Lewis. Opposed Eugenics, Pius XI declared him a *Defender of the Faith*.
* Graham Greene (1904-1991) one of the greatest English writers of the 20th century nominated twice for [Nobel Prize for Literature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobel_Prize_for_Literature). Explored moral and political issues of modern world from a Catholic perspective.
* Thomas Merton (1915-68) faculty member @St. Bonaventure, Cistercian Trappist Monk, priest, theologian, wrote autobiography, participated in Civil Rights Movement.

### Catholic Media

* Theologian, author, Emmy award winner, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979) #1 TV ratings, largely Protestant audience, radio broadcast from 1930-50, television from 1951-7.
* Mother Angelica (1923-2016) founded EWTN in Bible belt. Someone told her that she could not do it. Starting from a garage, built the station into international operation in 20 years.

## Sciences

A full list of renowned Catholic cleric and lay scientists would fill volumes.

* Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179): Benedictine Superior wrote songs, operas, poetry, books, and morality plays. Pope authorized preaching to public and clerics on clerical corruption. Developed early diagnosis methods and holistic healing through herbal medicines, diet, exercise, lifestyle, and prayer. Environmentalist: attributed sicknesses to nutritional, environmental, and mental toxins including stress and anger.
* Cistercians: elite, disciplined Benedictine monks reincorporated in 1098. Pioneered new lands as agricultural apostles. One single Monastery covered a 1K square miles and 70 villages. Spread across Europe.
* Roger Bacon (1214-94): graduated from Oxford @13, Dr. Theology Univ. Paris. Pioneered experimental procedures, telescope, and microscope. Reason > blind obedience. Pioneered empirical methods of modern science. Authority of Scripture subject to scientific examination.
* Albert the Great (1206-90): Encyclopedic, humble scientist, extended Aristotle’s scientific method from reason to faith, writing on all the sciences, and everything created.
* Willaim of Ockham (1280-1349): Reason is God’s sovereign will, nature is God’s ordered power. Divine revelation through faith guides truth; reason guides philosophy. Razor: simplest prognosis usually correct.
* Marsilio Ficino (1433-99): Translated & commented on Plato. Viewed women as equals, Influenced Christian thought for centuries. Medical work covered micro & macro-organisms, psychology, & lifestyle.
* Blaise Pascal (1623-62): developed probability, integral calculus, mechanical calculator, measurement of barometric pressure. Reason is human, faith and heart above it. Expected gain: “God is, or He is not… Weigh up the gain and loss… If you win you win everything, if you lose you lose nothing… Wager that He exists.”
* Modern Catholic scientists includes Antoine Lavoisier (*Chemistry),* Alessandro Volta and Guglielmo Marconi (Inventors), Andre Ampere (*Electromagnetism*), Louis Pasteur (*Pasteurization*), and Joseph Murray (*Pioneer Surgeon)*. It also includes Catholic clerics.
* Johann Mendel (1822-84) Augustinian friar took name Gregor, became priest. Discovered inherited traits, classified them as dominant or recessive. Elites dismissed him, Posthumous title *The Father of Genetics*.
* Monsignor Georges Lemaitre (1894-1996) WWI master sergeant, Prof. @Univ. of Louvain. Proposed *Big Bang Theory* from general relativity. Corrected Einstein’s view of static universe.

# The Road Not Taken

Catholic faith gives out of love, not contractually, legally, or self-servingly. Secularists want to barricade the road.

## The Stakes

* #17 on the Corporate list, GM’s gross revenue: $172B in 2023.
* Catholic Church donations: $170B/year in 2023 excl. Catholic donations to unaffiliated charities.
* Operates 140K schools, 60M students, 7K Seminaries, 1.4K Catholic Universities, and 26% of world healthcare facilities, including 18K Clinics, 16K elderly homes, 5.5K Hospitals, 10K Orphanages.
* Supports Adoption, Disabled, Disease, Disaster, Domestic Violence, Elderly, Clinics, Clothing, Food, Mothers, Recovery, Hospitals, Housing, Human Trafficked, Migrants, Orphanages, Poor, Pregnant, Prison, School, and Work Training, excluding Catholics serving secular charities.
* Defends life, family, human rights, and responsibilities, the poor and vulnerable, workers and their rights, solidarity, and stewardship.
* Excludes contributions of 800M Protestant and 300M Orthodox Christians!

## The Shift

There are 350M Catholics in L. America, 290M in Europe, 175M in N. America, 135M in Africa, and 120M in Asia. Catholic Church is shrinking in Europe and N. America, bleeding in S. America, shifting to Africa and Asia, where the culture of charity, charisma, equality in service, and unity in spirit is being revitalized.