



TRADITION: THE STORY OF THE STEPS DOWNWARD

Strange Practices enter the churches

Note: None of these practices have their roots in the Bible or the teachings of Christ! All came from Sun Worship and Paganism.

- 1. Prayers for the dead, began about A.D. -300**
- 2. Making the sign of the cross -300**
- 3. Wax candles, about -320**
- 4. Veneration of angels and dead saints, and use of images.-375**
- 5. The Mass, as a daily celebration -394**
- 6. Beginning of the exaltation of Mary, the term "Mother of God" first applied to her by the Council of Ephesus.-431**
- 7. Priests began to dress differently from laymen -500**

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- 8. Extreme Unction -526**
- 9. The doctrine of Purgatory, established by Gregory I - 593**
- 10. Latin language, used in prayer and worship, imposed by Gregory I -600**
- 11. Prayers directed to Mary, dead saints and angels, about .600**
- 12. Title of pope, or universal bishop, given to Boniface III by emperor Phocas -607**
- 13. Kissing the pope's foot, began with pope Constantine - 709**
- 14. Temporal power of the popes, conferred by Pepin, king of the Franks -750**
- 15. Worship of the cross, images and relics, authorized in .- 786**
- 16. Holy water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest -850**
- 17. Worship of St. Joseph -890**
- 18. College of Cardinals established - 927**
- 19. Baptism of bells, instituted by pope John XIII -965**
- 20. Canonization of dead saints, first by pope John XV - 995**
- 21. Fasting on Fridays and during Lent -998**
- 22. The Mass, developed gradually as a sacrifice, attendance made obligatory in the 11th century - 1050**

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- 23. Celibacy of the priesthood, decreed by pope. Gregory VII (Hildebrand) -1079**
- 24. The Rosary, mechanical praying with beads, invented by Peter the Hermit -1090**
- 25. The Inquisition, instituted by the Council of Verona- 1184**
- 26. Sale of Indulgences- 1190**
- 27. Transubstantiation, proclaimed by pope Innocent III - 1215**
- 28. Auricular Confession of sins to a priest instead of to God, instituted by pope Innocent III, in Lateran Council - 1215**
- 29. Adoration of the wafer (Host), decreed by pope Honorius III -1220**
- 30. Bible forbidden to laymen, placed on the index of Forbidden Books by the Council of Valencia -1229**
- 31. The Scapular, invented by Simon Stock, an English monk -1251**
- 32. Cup forbidden to the people at communion by Council Constance -1414**
- 33. Purgatory proclaimed as a dogma by the Council of Florence -1439**
- 34. The doctrine of Seven Sacraments affirmed -1439**
- 35. The Ave Maria (part of the last half was completed 50 years later and approved by pope Sixtus V at the end the 16th century) -1508**
- 36. Jesuit order founded by Ignatius Loyola -1534**

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37. Tradition declared of equal authority with the Bible by the Council of Trent -1545

38. Apocryphal books added to the Bible by the Council Trent -1546

39. Creed of pope Pius IV imposed as the official creed -1560

40. Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, proclaimed by pope Pius IX -1854

41. Syllabus of Errors, proclaimed by pope Pius IX, and ratified by the Vatican Council. The Syllabus condemned freedom of religion, conscience, speech, press, and scientific discoveries which are disapproved by the Roman Church. It asserted the pope's temporal authority over all civil rulers 1864

42. Infallibility of the pope in matters of faith and morals, proclaimed by the Vatican Council 1870

43. Public Schools condemned by pope Pius XI 1930

44. Assumption of the Virgin Mary (bodily ascension into heaven shortly after her death), proclaimed by pope Pius XII 1950

45. Mary proclaimed Mother of God, by pope Paul VI 1965

Add to these many others: Monks - nuns - monasteries - convents - forty days Lent - holy week - Palm Sunday - Ash Wednesday - All Saints day - Candlemas day - fish day - meat days - incense - holy oil - holy palms - Christopher medals - charms - novenas - and still others. What next? Mary as Mediatrix (our Mediator), and as Co-redemptrix (Our Redeemer).