

One of the larger achievements of this policy is the movement known as the Crusades. But few really positive things developed. The bishops of Rome regularly sought the election of a monarch whom they hoped to manipulate and the men who sought the office most vigorously often did so for less than ideal motivations. Interference with national governments did not help them and governmental dabbling in the church did not aid it either. But the die was cast and the effective relationship of church and state would follow in the mold for centuries to come. In the reformation the jealousy of the Emperor and Bishop will be one of the decisive factors preventing an overthrow of the Reformers by political force. So it is that many of the things set up by men to aid their own ends are diverted by God and used for His purposes.

The Empire will practically end after the Napoleonic wars but some vestiges of it hung on in the Austro-Hungarian empire until the days of Maria Theresa and the conflagration of world war I.

## V. 2

Church  
LifeThe Life of the Church in this period

Our spectrum of study moves progressively westward. The life of the church in the west is one of increasing monasticism, superstition, sacerdotalism, and government machinations. There are a few hopeful signs scattered about not many. It is called the Dark Ages in truth although now and then an argumentative scholar will pick up on the few pieces of light and try to rename the age! In this section of notes we will follow the church as a body politic until the division and then offer a summary on the various parties.

## V.2.a.

## Councils!

Continuing Ecumenical Councils

With the growth of the church and the diversity of ideals, the ecumenical idea becomes less and less realistic. First, the church is much, much larger. Second, it is more diversified in character. Third, there is a broad disinterest in the affairs that give rise to the conciliar calls. Fourth, the attempts of parties to govern the council and dictate the outcome diminish both the appeal and the intended results of the councils. Fifth, the division of the world brought by Islamic warfare will