Since the birth of Christ many faithful people have helped shape our understanding of God. The Catholic Church as we know it today is a reflection of a great many historical, individual, and dogmatic contributions.

**HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR CHRISTIANITY**

- Pentecost (33)
- Legalization of Christianity by Emperor Constantine (313)
- Charlemagne crowned Emperor (800)
- Great Schism (1054)
- Franschka reach China (1450)
- Reformation and Catholic Reformation (1517/1545)
- Council of Trent (1545)
- Vatican II (1962/1965)

**SCRIPTURE SCHOLARS**

- Origen (258-254)
  - Teacher of Theology in Alexandria
- Jerome (357-420)
  - Translator of the Vulgate, the first Latin Bible
- Augustine (354-430)
  - Bishop of Hippo
- Thomas Aquinas, O.P. (1225-74)
  - Dominican theologian
- Nicholas of Lyra, O.P.M. (ca. 1270-1349)
  - Reformed biblical scholar and theologian
- Martin Luther (1483-1546)
  - Reformation and Catholic Reformation
- John Calvin (1509-64)
  - Biblical scholar and Christian Reformer
- Joseph Fitzmyer, S.J. (1920-2016)
  - Biblical scholar and Christian Reformer
- Raymond Brown, S.S. (1928-98)
  - Biblical scholar and Christian Reformer
- Sandra Schneiders, I.H.M. (b. 1936)
  - Biblical scholar and Christian Reformer
  - Dominican biblical scholar and theologian
- Karl Barth (1886-1968)
  - Reformed biblical scholar and theologian
- American Exegetes (20th century)

**THE FIRST SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCILS**

- Nicaea I (325)
- Constantinople I (381)
- Ephesus (431)
- Chalcedon (451)
- Constantinople II (885-86)
- Constantinople III (787)
- Nicaea II (787)