

## Heresies Introduced by the Roman Catholic Church

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### Pergamum Period (313-606)

**Date**

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| Prayers for the dead   | 300 |
| Making the sign of the cross   | 300 |
| Wax candles  | 320 |
| Veneration of angels and dead saints, and use of images  | 375 |
| The Mass as a daily celebration  | 394 |
| Beginning of the exaltation of Mary, the term Mother of God first applied to her by the Council of Ephesus | 431 |
| Priests began to dress differently from laymen   | 500 |
| Extreme Unction  | 526 |
| The doctrine of Purgatory, established by Gregory I  | 593 |
| Latin language used in prayer and worship imposed by Gregory I   | 800 |
| Prayers directed to Mary, dead saints and angels   | 800 |
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### Thyatira Period (606-1517)

**Date**

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| Kissing the pope's foot   | 709    |
| Temporal power of the popes conferred by Pepin, king of the Franks      | 750    |
| Worship of the cross, images and relics authorized                      | 786    |
| Holy water mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest           | 850    |
| Worship of St. Joseph   | 890    |
| College of Cardinals established  | 927    |
| Baptism of bells instituted by pope John XIII                           | 985    |
| Canonization of dead saints, first by pope John XV                      | 995    |
| Fasting on Fridays and during Lent                                      | 998    |
| The Mass developed gradually as a sacrifice, attendance made obligatory | 1000's |
| Celibacy of the priesthood decreed by pope Gregory VII (Hildebrand)     | 1079   |
| The Rosary, mechanical praying with beads, invented by Peter the Hermit | 1090   |
| The Inquisition instituted by the Council of Verona                     | 1184   |

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| Sale of Indulgences  | 1190 |
| Transubstantiation proclaimed by pope Innocent III   | 1215 |
| Confession of sins to a priest instead of to God instituted by Innocent III in the Lateran Council | 1215 |
| Adoration of the Host decreed by pope Honorius III   | 1220 |
| Bible forbidden to laymen; placed on the Index of Forbidden Books by the Council of Toulouse       | 1229 |
| The Scapular invented by Simon Stock, an English monk  | 1251 |
| Cup forbidden to the people at communion by Council of Constance                                   | 1414 |
| Purgatory proclaimed as a dogma by the Council of Florence   | 1439 |
| The doctrine of Seven Sacraments affirmed  | 1439 |
| The Ave Maria (part of the last half was completed 50 years later and approved by Sixtus V)        | 1508 |