

The Church and the Modern Era (1846-2005)

Pius IX, World Wars, and the Second Vatican Council

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WAGNER DEBUNKS MYTHS ABOUT THE MODERN ERA OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lourdes and Fatima, war, Vatican I and II, Fulton Sheen, St. John Paul II, and the clerical sex abuse crisis: These are just a few of the people and events that helped define the Catholic Church in the modern era, the period between 1846 and 2005.

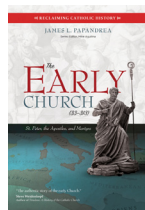
The call to live the fullness of our faith has not changed since the time of the first disciples, but in *The Church and the Modern Era (1846–2005)*, author David M. Wagner explores how the Catholic Church met the challenges of the industrial age, world wars, the sexual revolution, and technological advancement in an increasingly secular world.

The “modern era” of the Catholic Church began with the election of Blessed Pius IX in 1846 and ends with the death of St. John Paul II in 2005, the last pope to serve as a council father at Vatican II. With monarchies falling, nation-states rising, and industrialization and mass migration underway, the world changed more during this period than any other, Wagner contends. While the Church may feel more user-friendly and less formal than ever before, what we believe has been handed down from the beginning.

Wagner will reintroduce you to some of the era’s most powerful examples of virtue and faith such as St. John Henry Newman, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Faustina, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. He will also dispel some of the long-held misconceptions about the Church that span the 160-year period. In *The Church and the Modern Era*, you will learn:

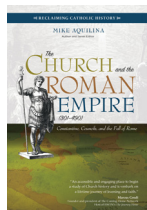
- The Catholic Church is the world’s most powerful advocate for workers, the poor, and human rights.
- The Second Vatican Council did not change Catholic teaching on faith or morals.
- The Church’s teaching on human sexuality is the real sexual revolution.
- The Church has been an advocate for raising the status of women, championing women’s rights to education, to work, and to equal pay.

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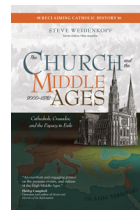
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