

The Placards on these Hallway Walls depict the

## *Church Councils*

The college of bishops exercises power over the universal church in a solemn manner in an ecumenical council that is confirmed or at least recognized as such by Peter's successor. \*

The Councils are called:

- To answer questions of theology affecting the worldwide Church.
- To provide reforms deemed necessary.
- To clarify and refute significant heresies.
- To provide necessary organizational tools.

There have been **22** general councils: (# Title Dates)

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**Jerusalem** (Historically, the Jerusalem Council is not usually included with the ecumenical or general Councils.)

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Ecumenical Councils	1 <sup>st</sup> of Nicaea 325	1 <sup>st</sup> of Constantinople 381	Ephesus 431	Chalcedon 451	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Constantinople 553	680-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Nicaea 787	4 <sup>th</sup> of Constantinople 869-70
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Medieval Councils	1 <sup>st</sup> 1123	2 <sup>nd</sup> 1139	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1179	4 <sup>th</sup> 1215	1 <sup>st</sup> of Lyons 1245	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lyons 1274	Vienne 1311-2	Constance 1414-8	Basel- Florence 1431-45	5 <sup>th</sup> Lateran 1512-7
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Modern Era  
Councils

Trent

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

1545-63

Vatican  
1869-70

Vatican  
1962-5

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\* Catechism of the Catholic Church: (884)