Catholic Church History: A Brief Timeline
Part One (The Start): Jesus’ Life and Founding of Christianity (4 BC-30 AD)

On Your Timeline:

• Birth of Jesus
• Ministry of Jesus
• Jesus’ Resurrection and Pentecost (The Birth of the Catholic Church)

What Did Jesus Look Like?
Pentecost: The Birth of the Church
Part Two: The Early Church (30-600 AD)

On Your Timeline:
- People continue Jesus’ ministry
- Council of Jerusalem
- Christianity Becomes Illegal in Roman Empire
- Emperor Constantine Legalizes Christianity Again
- Council of Nicea
- The Phrase “Catholic Church” is Used
- The Creed is Created
- Council of Rome (Bible is made official)
- St. Benedict creates the Benedictine Order (Monasteries Begin)
Part Three: Finding Identity

On Your Timeline:

- The Great Schism (Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Church Split)
- Crusades
- St. Francis creates the Franciscan Order (Dominican, Carmelite, and Augustinian Orders also created by others)
- St. Ignatius creates the Jesuit Order
- Jesuit Missionary Work Begins in Japan, Africa, and North America
- Council of Trent
- Protestant Reformation
- Vatican I Council
Part Four (Present Day): Growing with God in the Modern Age

- Vatican II Council
- Catholic Social Teaching is Created By Catholic Bishops
- Year of Jubilee (2000)
- Today!