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□ REASONS FOR REFORM:

- THEOLOGICAL & ECCLESIASTICAL ABUSES OF THE RCC:
 - INDULGENCES & PENANCE, SUPER-AEROGATION, SACRAMENTS, BASIS OF SALVATION, SUPREMACY OF THE POPE, PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD, INTERCESSION OF SAINTS, ETC.
 - PAPAL ELEVATION, CORRUPTION OF THE POPE AND CLERGY (E.G., 'BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY', RENNAISSANCE POPES)
- INFLUENCE OF HUMANISM:
 - DISGUST WITH SCHOLASTICISM, BIBLE IN LATIN, MIGRATION AWAY FROM FEUDAL INFLUENCES

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□ RCC THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE (TRENT):

- COUNCIL OF TRENT (1543-64):

- RCC 18TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL:

- HELD IN TRENT, AUSTRIA
- 25 PUBLIC SESSIONS
- MAJORITY WORK DONE BY COMMITTEE

- PRIMARY POSITIONS:

- RE-AFFIRMATION OF APOSTLES CREED
- CANONICAL SCRIPTURES TO INCLUDE OT APOCRYPHA
- ANATHEMA TO THOSE NOT HOLDING TO THE LATIN VULGATE EDITION
- REDEMPTION OF MAN EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH MEDIATION OF JESUS CHRIST
- ANATHEMA TO THOSE NOT HOLDING TO INFANT BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS

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□ RCC THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE (TRENT):

– PRIMARY POSITIONS (CONT):

- ANATHEMA TO THOSE DENYING TRANSUBSTANTIATION
- ANATHEMA TO ANYONE DENYING PENANCE AS THE NECESSARY SACRAMENT TO RESTORE THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO SIN AFTER BAPTISM
- ANATHEMA TO ANYONE TEACHING THAT PRIESTS ALONE ARE NOT THE MINISTERS OF ABSOLUTION
- ANATHEMA TO THOSE TEACHING THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM ARE NOT WITH THE RCC AND ADMINISTERED BY ITS MINISTERS
- ANATHEMA TO THOSE REQUIRING BOTH “SPECIES” OF THE EUCHARIST TO BE ADMINISTERED
- ANATHEMA TO THOSE WHO DENY THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
- ANATHEMA TO THOSE WHO DENY CELEBRATING MASSES IN HONOR OF SAINTS FOR INTERCESSION

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□ RCC THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE (TRENT):

– PRIMARY POSITIONS (CONT):

- ANATHEMA TO ANYONE CLAIMING VISIBLE PRIESTS DO NOT CONSECRATE AND OFFER TRUE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST AND FORGIVE & RETAIN SINS, BUT SIMPLY MAINTAIN PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL
- UPHOLDS INTERCESSION & INVOCATION OF SAINTS & LEGITIMATE USE OF RELICS & IMAGES
- ALL SUPERSTITION & LUCRE SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM VENERATION & INVOCATION PRACTICES
- INDULGENCES MAY BE DISPENSED TO ALL THE FAITHFUL, PIOUSLY, HOLILY, & INCORRUPTLY

□ OTHER NOTABLE RCC POSITIONS:

- DOCTRINE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RATIFIED (1854) BY PIUS IX

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□ OTHER NOTABLE RCC POSITIONS (CONT):

- **PAPAL INFALLIBILITY WHEN SPEAKING EX CATHEDRA DECLARED AT VATICAN COUNCIL (1869-70)**
 - **BODILY ASSUMPTION OF MARY (1950)**
- **VATICAN II (1962-65):**
 - **ALLOWS FOR PROTESTANTS TO BE COUNTED AS CHRISTIANS BASED ON BAPTISM IN CHRIST**
 - **PROMOTES UNITY INCLUDING CLOSER BONDS WITH NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS**
 - **NO MAJOR DOCTRINAL POSITION OF RCC (E.G., TRENT) OVERTURNED**

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□ BENEFITS OF THE REFORMATION:

- EMANCIPATION FROM A DISINGENOUS SYSTEM OF INFALLIBILITY & ECCLESIASTICAL AUTOCRACY
- CLEARED WAY FOR DIRECT DEPENDENCE ON SOURCE OF GRACE & BASIC APOSTOLIC TEACHING:
 - JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE
 - SOLE RELIANCE ON GRACE OF GOD
- PLACED SCRIPTURES IN NATIVE TONGUE OF MANY LANDS
- EMPHASIZED MORE BASIC FORM OF WORSHIP FOCUSED MORE ON PREACHING & TEACHING:
 - LESS CLUTTERED BY RITUAL, ICONS, IMAGES, & PICTURES