

How Old is Your Church?

For 1,500 years, all Christians were Catholic. Then, others began to split off from the Catholic Church.

If you are a Lutheran, Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest who left the Catholic Church, founded your religion in Germany, in the year 1517.

If you are a Mennonite, your church began in Switzerland with Grebel, Mantz, and Blaurock, in the year 1525.

If you belong to the Church of England, also known as Anglican, your religion began with King Henry VIII in 1534, who established his own church because the Pope could not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry.

If you are a Presbyterian, your religion was founded by John Knox, in Scotland, in the year 1560.

If you are a Congregationalist, your religion was founded by Robert Brown, in Holland, in 1583.

If you are a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam, in 1606.

If you are a Unitarian, John Biddle in London founded your religion in 1645.

If you are an Episcopalian, your religion was an offshoot of the Church of England, founded by Samuel Seabury in the American Colonies in the 17th century.

If you are a Quaker, your religion was founded by George Fox, in England, in 1647.

If you are a Methodist, your religion was founded by John and Charles Wesley, in England, in 1739.

If you are a Universalist, John Murray founded your religion in New Jersey, in 1770.

If you are an Evangelical, you owe the founding of your religion to Jacob Albright, in Pennsylvania, in 1803.

If you are a Mormon (a "Latter Day Saint"), Joseph Smith started your religion in Palmyra, New York, in 1829.

If you are a Seventh Day Adventist, your religion originated in New York, by William Miller, in 1831.

ST FRANCIS PARISH IN DAYTON, KY (PRECURSER OF ST BERNARD) WAS FORMED IN 1849

If you worship with the Salvation Army, then William Booth in London was your originator, in 1865.

If you are a Jehovah Witness, then your church was founded by Charles Taze Russell, in 1872, and renamed in 1931 by Judge Rutherford, his successor.

SACRED HEART (NOW DIVINE MERCY) PARISH IN BELLEVUE, KY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1874

If you are a Christian Scientist, then Mary Baker Eddy founded your religion in Massachusetts, in 1879.

If you belong to the Assembly of God religion, then a General Assembly in Arkansas started it in 1914.

If you claim the Church of the Nazarene as your religion, then Union at General Assembly launched it in 1919.

If you are an Evangelical Reformed, then Union at General Assembly created it in 1934.

If you belong to a Pentecostal faith community, your religion is one of the hundreds of new sects founded by men within the last 125 years.

If you attend a Crossroads Church in the Greater Cincinnati area, they began in 1995. 7 Hills Church dates to 2007.

If you are a Roman Catholic, you know that your religion was founded in the year 33 by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Study the generations long past and understand..." Sirach 2:10

Jesus commanded the Apostles to teach in his name (Mt 28:20)
and the early Christians *"devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..."* Acts 2:42

**The Catholic Church has preserved the Apostles' teaching in every generation, since the beginning.
Whose teaching are you following?**

*"Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us,
either by word of mouth or by letter." 2Thes 2:15*

"I commend you because you... maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you." 1Cor 11:2

*"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any
brother who is living... not in accord with the tradition that you received from us." 2 Thes 3:6*