## Brief Description:

The catholic church ruled over Europe when the Renaissance started. The pope is the head of the catholic church and is always the most important man in the religion. He is based out of Rome.

## Significance:

The catholic Church is still very big today. Many people are catholic and live by there rules. there is also still a pope today living in Rome. I included this in my timeline because I thought that the church was the most powerful unit in the Renaissance. If anyone doubted the Church They would be tortured, banished or possibly killed. The church made everyone in all the biblical stories and because they were all so desperate to get to heaven instead of Purgatory they would Pay/donate to the church. Now the church is not as powerful but they still have many followers and strong believers.