



Concilium Tridentinum

The conciliar movement

Faciemus opum Dei!



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“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, ”The Lord reigns.” (1 Chronicles 16:31)



We are the Concilium Tridentinum,

We are a deeply religious catholic party. Which is why we have taken the holy latin name from the Council of Trent and the Conciliar movement. The growing reformist sentiments within the church must be countered and our holy church must stay united.

We are not militarists by nature but the wretched and weak state of Italy as well as the unholy state of the formerly christian and holy mediterranean lands and the discord in our own holy church forces us to pick up our sword and unite our holy nation as well as smite the unbelievers who now claim our holy sites as their own.

However we are not simply soldiers of christ who wish to defend catholic interests in the old world. We are also missionaries of christ who wish to spread our influence unto lands yet untouched by any of the major religions. We must sail the many ships of Venice to new lands overseas and come not simply with goods for trade but rather with our religion and it's holy tenets.

We hope that we will see you joining our ranks soon,

- The Faction Leadership



Faction Leadership

Pope

- Rohrym

Cardinal

- Stringlordt
- Xeloa
- Bowie

Prelates (faction officers)

Legate:

- Vacant

Scribe:

- Vacant

Missionary:

- Vacant

Faction Charter

A charter concerning our rules and how our faction functions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CsggTOP2AZ8ayVXuCKyOFRZ6l2B8UOIVA4EOXDgXiEc/edit?usp=sharing> (By Lanceparte, edited by Rohrym)

Want to join?

We the Concilium Tridentinum are always searching for new members to add to our ranks. If you have got similar views and you want to help the cause, you are always welcome. You can join our party by contacting the Faction Leader(-s) or the moderator in the DU discord channel.

The Concilium Tridentinum Faction's discord channel: <https://discord.gg/aQBFYGu>



Official Policy

In short:

- Religion: Catholic
- Nation to Form: Italy
- Favoured Estate: Clergy
- Favoured Republican Faction: None
- Government Type: Theocracy
- Economic focus: Building and Development
- Diplomatic relations: 3 allies (The Papal States, Austria and Spain), 2 vassals (Malta and Byzantium)
- War: focus on diplomatic expansion in Northern Italy and aiding crusades around the mediterranean. We strive to only go war when necessary.
- Unit preference: Mercenaries (especially of the Swiss kind)
- Focus on:
 - Building and development
 - Colonisation
 - Diplomacy
 - Internal and external stability
 - Religious progression and conversion

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”
(Mark 16:15)



The seven pillars of the Concilium

1. **Protecting the Legacy of the Conciliar Movement:**

- 4th Lateran Council, we seek to protect the Holy Christian Sacraments of this most holy council and the Morals and Values of Christianity in general.
- Council of Ferrara/Florence, We wish to continue the holy work of the council of Ferrara/Florence and seek to unite catholics and the eastern churches once more.
- Council of Constance, we will continue to build on the legacy of the Constance Council in which the Conciliar Movement was effectively born. The Concilium shall act as a moral authority of the pope as the new highest organ within the true faith.
- Council of Trent, the movement to change the meaning of god himself and to change his messenger on earth is a heresy made by Satan himself to remove our just people out of worshipping god. We will embrace the **Counter-Reformation** and work to show them the light once again while maintaining peace with the ones willing to follow the true Catholic faith and obey the peace of god.

2. **Augustine's City of God:**

The devil besets the cities of wondrous Italy. We the clergy must purge cities of all their sins, build up and develop them into the bustling cities in God's image which Saint Augustine had imagined in his book 'De civitate Dei,' the City of God. We at CT strive to build churches and cathedrals in every province and invest in production, public services and education.

3. **Forming the kingdom of God:**

Currently the region of (Northern) Italy once proud and united is in discord with many republics and kings fighting each other internally. We wish to change this by uniting all the provinces and states of Northern Italy into one theocratic nation. We will use the fact that many cardinals will spawn in our lush Italian lands to become the papal controller. We will use that to advance our own goals, by excommunicating our enemies and calling crusades upon the infidels.

4. **Reconquest of the Holy land:**

After hundreds of years of fighting, God seems to have blessed our crusades, we are finally on the winning hand. It is of utmost importance that we reconquer the whole of the ancient christian lands. This we will mainly do through aiding crusading states diplomatically, economically and militarily with Condottieri. While CT is not against direct military intervention, we do realise that crusades are a strain on our resources and disturbs the



natural balance of beings. All reconquered territories, after their conversion, shall be set free or be released as a vassal state.

5. Establishment of Religious Authority:

In the Grand Council of Venice CT will fight to strengthen the representation of the Clergy and the Catholic Church as a whole. Our main goal is to bring back religious authority to the council and the Venetian government. We aspire to do so by creating a permanent position for a cardinal in the government, implement a Venetian test act and declare the Catholic faith as being the State religion. We support this by implementing edicts to protect and enforce our religion and our religious unity.

6. Legate diplomacy:

In Machiavellian Italy the political landscape is extremely harsh. Italy is internally divided and is torn between factions of trade, believe and ethnicity. If we want to survive in this warped environment we have to adapt and defend our sovereign rights. We do this by expanding our diplomatic capabilities and strengthening our institutions and administration. Only then we can hold out against the secular, heretical forces that plague Italy.

7. Colonising and conversion of Pagans:

There a rumors of misguided people all over the globe who have never heard the word of our savior and his blessings. We have a moral duty to show those pagans the true way of god, by settling there and sending missionaries to them. These new worlds also provide the opportunity for sinners and monastic orders to find peace in new settlements within these unexplored territories where they can wash away their sins and live in peace with God.



Ideas

First three idea groups:

- **Religious**
 - In order to combat the Muslims and later the protestants/reformed we will need strong missionaries in large numbers, which religious ideas will give us. We could also benefit from the CB on these heathens. The acceptance of catholicism religious ideas bring will also serve to stabilise our nation.
- **Exploration**
 - Our ambition to seek out and convert the lost souls of the world demands that we start colonising as early as possible from our ports in Italy. Therefore we should take exploration ideas second.
- **Diplomatic**
 - We will need many allies for the spread of Christendom to take root. Diplomatic ideas will help us get them, and make us stronger versus our enemies, especially in the harsh political landscape that is called Italy.

Other Ideas, in no particular order:

- **Quality**
 - Improving the quality of our armies will make them stronger, which will further our fight against all infidels, and make our army a true army of god.
- **Administrative**
 - Part of the process of delivering god's words to the heathens is convincing all of the nations that our newly acquired land is truly ours. This process is long and draining, especially in our administrative points. Focusing on the administration of our country will allow us to remove time and points from this process, while also giving us more benefits to mercenaries, and allowing us to have greater control over more of our provinces.
- **Economic**
 - In order to make our cities the cities of god himself, to fund our ventures east and west, and in order to improve our economy, we will take economic ideas, which provide many benefits in improving a country's economy and development.
- **Defensive**
 - As we are not inclined to go to war, it is still pivotal that we have an competent defense force to protect our nation's sovereignty.
- **Expansion**
 - Once we have begun the eastern reconquista and established ourselves in foreign lands through colonisation we believe it will serve us and our mission well to accelerate our colonial expansion even further by taking expansion ideas.



On that note, we hope to have you join our party, the Concilium Tridentinum faction (CT). We welcome all who share our ideas and beliefs, and are willing to negotiate and compromise with those that do not. Thank you for reading our manifesto, and glory be to the Empire!

-Anonymous Jackalope

