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To Jesus Through Mary

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Eighth Grade Religion Written Questions for Chapter 9

A. Whose Got the Power? Who Will Dominate the Church/State Partnership?

1. What is the purpose of the Church/State Partnership? The purpose of the Church/State Partnership is to create an orderly and stable society. By the Church and State working together there can be common values and rules by which everyone lives.
2. Fill in the timeline:
 - a.) Pre-313: There is no partnership at this time. The Roman Empire has made Christianity illegal and is fiercely persecuting Christians.
 - b.) 313: The emperor Constantine ends the era of persecution by issuing the Edict of Milan which legalizes Christianity. Constantine begins to bestow favors and benefits on the Church. The partnership begins.
 - c.) 313 – 400: The Empire dominates the partnership. The emperors view the Church as a department within their government. This is the time of caesaropapism.
 - d.) 400 – 476: The Empire is decaying and crumbling. The power of the emperors is decreasing in the West. The papacy is beginning to fill in the power vacuum left behind by lack of imperial leadership. This is the time when Pope Leo I declares himself the Pontifex Maximus.
 - e.) 476 – 1500: The Church and the papacy dominate the partnership. It is the Church who is taming the barbarians and Christianizing them, stabilizing society, crowning kings and emperors. It is the Church who gives birth to European culture by combining the old Roman culture with the barbarian world thus creating European culture. This is the time of Christiandom.
 - f.) 1500 – 1648: We have the mess of the Protestant and Catholic Reformations. It is the time of dissent and religious wars. Europe is torn apart by all of this.
 - g.) 1648 – 1789: This is the age of the Absolute Monarchs. There is no longer one Christian Church in Europe. Rather we have now the Catholic Church and many, many Protestant Churches. We have the Catholic world and the Protestant world. Kings and emperors seek to have total control over their subjects; including their religious practice. Every country has its' Established Church, the state sponsored church, whether it is Catholic or Protestant. All other illegal churches are persecuted. Kings and emperors attempt to totally control the Church within their country.