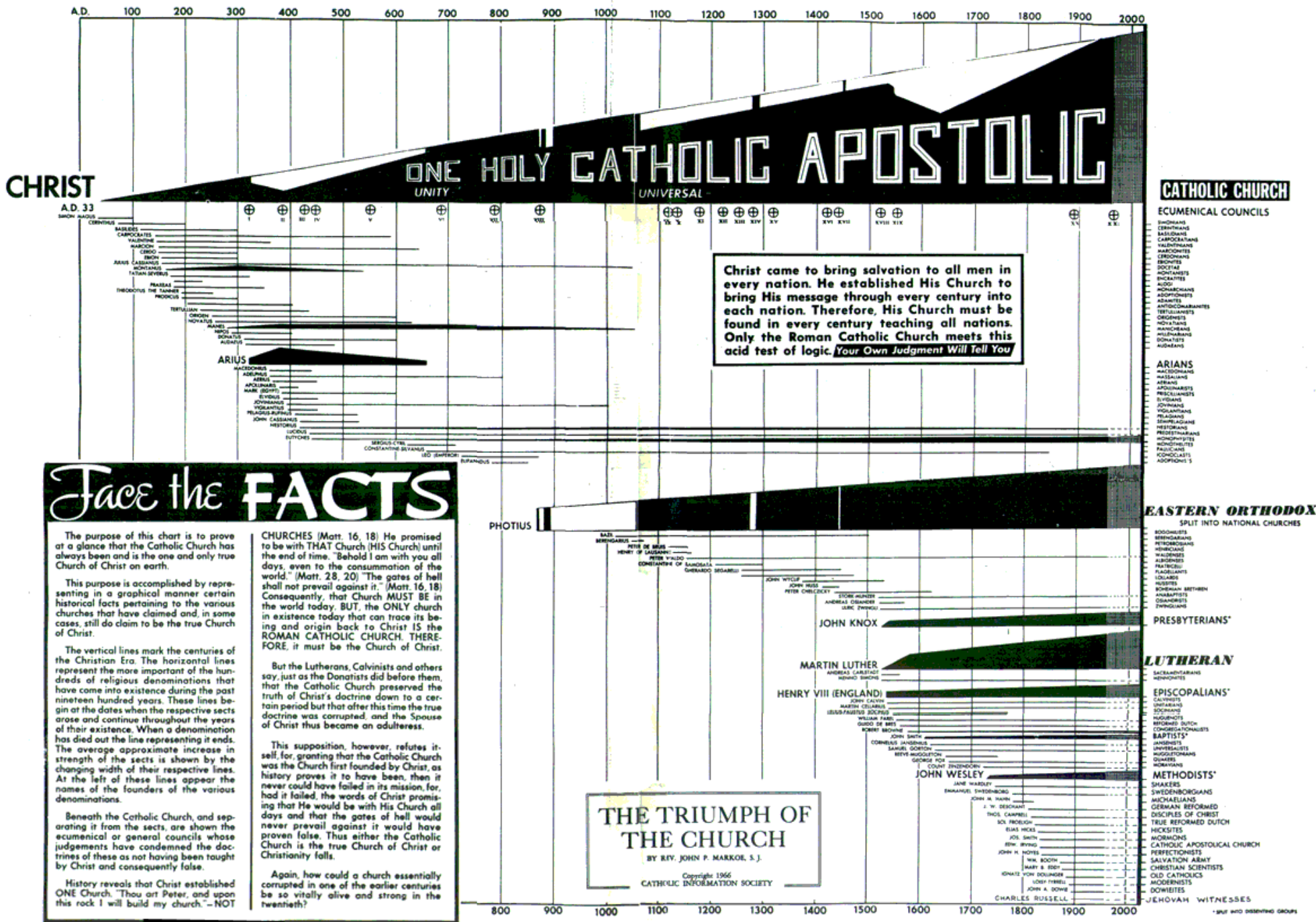


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# Face the FACTS

The purpose of this chart is to prove at a glance that the Catholic Church has always been and is the one and only true Church of Christ on earth.

This purpose is accomplished by representing in a graphical manner certain historical facts pertaining to the various churches that have claimed and, in some cases, still do claim to be the true Church of Christ.

The vertical lines mark the centuries of the Christian Era. The horizontal lines represent the more important of the hundreds of religious denominations that have come into existence during the past nineteen hundred years. These lines begin at the dates when the respective sects arose and continue throughout the years of their existence. When a denomination has died out the line representing it ends. The average approximate increase in strength of the sects is shown by the changing width of their respective lines. At the left of these lines appear the names of the founders of the various denominations.

Beneath the Catholic Church, and separating it from the sects, are shown the ecumenical or general councils whose judgments have condemned the doctrines of these as not having been taught by Christ and consequently false.

History reveals that Christ established ONE Church. "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." - NOT

CHURCHES (Matt. 16, 18) He promised to be with THAT Church (His Church) until the end of time. "Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." (Matt. 28, 20) "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16, 18) Consequently, that Church MUST BE in the world today. BUT, the ONLY church in existence today that can trace its being and origin back to Christ IS the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. THEREFORE, it must be the Church of Christ.

But the Lutherans, Calvinists and others say, just as the Donatists did before them, that the Catholic Church preserved the truth of Christ's doctrine down to a certain period but that after this time the true doctrine was corrupted, and the Spouse of Christ thus became an adulteress.

This supposition, however, refutes itself, for, granting that the Catholic Church was the Church first founded by Christ, as history proves it to have been, then it never could have failed in its mission, for, had it failed, the words of Christ promising that He would be with His Church all days and that the gates of hell would never prevail against it would have proven false. Thus either the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ or Christianity falls.

Again, how could a church essentially corrupted in one of the earlier centuries be so vitally alive and strong in the twentieth?