

The 21 “Ecumenical” Councils

(in part) Listed in the *Enchiridion Symbolorum* and
Summarized in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* (1959 ed.), s.v. “Councils”

Apostolic Council

Jerusalem Acts 15 Gentile Christians and the Mosaic Practice

The Councils of the Ancient Church

<u>Site</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
1. Nicaea I	325	Condemnation of the Arian heresy; dating of Easter
2. Constantinople I	381	Divinity of the Holy Spirit.
3. Ephesus	431	Condemnation of Nestorianism; Mary as <i>Theotokos</i>
4. Chalcedon	451	Two natures of Christ
5. Constantinople II	553	The “three chapters”; errors of Origen
6. Constantinople III	680	Divine and human wills in Christ
7. Nicaea II	787	Veneration of images
8. Constantinople IV	869	Schism of Photius

Lateran Councils at Rome

(Presided over by popes, not convened by emperors)

9. Lateran I	1123	Lay investiture, the crusade
10. Lateran II	1139	Errors of Arnold of Brescia
11. Lateran III	1179	Albigensians and Waldensians
12. Lateran IV	1215	Confession of faith, reform, transubstantiation

Other Late Medieval Councils

(Mainly of historic, not dogmatic, interest)

13. Lyons I	1245	Deposition of Frederick II; the crusade
14. Lyons II	1274	Reunion of the East; papal elections
15. Vienne	1311-1312	Knights Templars; Fraticelli
16. Constance (in part)	1414-1418	Papal Schism healed; Hus & Wyclif condemned
17. Basel (in part)–Ferrara –Florence)	1431-1445	Reunion of East & West; peace in Christendom; reform
18. Lateran V	1512-1517	Pragmatic sanction of 1438; crusade

Modern Councils

19. Trent	1545-1563	Doctrinal definitions in light of the Reformation
20. Vatican I	1869-1870	Modern errors; Papal infallibility
21. Vatican II	1962-1965	<i>Aggiornamento</i> , relation of Church to the Modern World