# Influence of Christianity


## *Age of Faith*

* As *Secular* authority declined, Church authority grew
* Monasteries preserve Greco-Roman cultural achievements
	+ St. Benedict – Benedictine Monks
	+ Sister – Scholastica – creates women’s order
* Missionaries carry Christianity to Germanic tribes
	+ Patrick – Ireland
* Pope anoints Charlemagne Emperor
* Parish priests see to the needs of the people
* Church controls **Papal States** – territories in Italy

# Vikings

* Originate in Scandinavia
* Use Longboats to navigate Rivers/Seas
* Create settlements in Ireland & Iceland
* Eric the Red
	+ 1st European in Greenland
* Leif Ericson
	+ 1st European to land in North America

**Charlemagne** & the Frankish Kingdom

* 2 Dynasties – Merovingian & Carolingian
* Clovis converts to Christianity
* Charles Martel stops Muslim onslaught at **Battle of Tours**
* Pepin the Short expands Frankish kingdom
* **Charlemagne** crowned Holy Roman Emperor – Christmas Day, 800 CE
* **Age of Charlemagne** –revives Education,

Roman culture

o *Missi Dominici* – Court officials

* ***Treaty of Verdun*** splits Charlemagne’s empire among 3 grandsons

Europe

*Early Medieval Period*

Other Invaders

* Magyars
	+ Originate Central Asia, settle Hungary
* Muslims
	+ Impact Sea Trade
* Angles, Saxons, Jutes
	+ Migrate to British Isles

Feudalism & Manorialism

## *Solution to new invasions*