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The Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent

Instructions: For these Guided Reading Questions, use the questions to take outline reading notes. Plan to take **at least two full pages of outline notes** for the entire document. The questions are in order.

Note: *Anathema* is a legal term in Church law which loosely means “something dedicated to damnation.”

1. Take note of the *context* of the Council. What were the problems facing the Catholic “commonwealth” (Western Europe) which provoked the calling of an ecumenical council?
2. What does the Council say are the bases of spiritual authority other than Scripture itself? Why?
3. How will the Catholic Church regulate (control) the interpretation of Scripture and the spread of ideas?
4. According to the Council, what is *justification,* how does it happen, and what is man’s role in it?
5. What does the Church believe about the sacraments, the priesthood, and the Church hierarchy?
6. Why do Catholics ask for help from the Saints and what is the purpose and use of relics and images of the Saints?