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The second edition of *The World of Catholic Renewal* offers an updated synthesis of the vast scholarship on the history of Catholicism from the Council of Trent in the middle of the sixteenth century to the suppression of the Society of Jesus in the eighteenth century. Professor Hsia discusses the doctrinal and ecclesiastical renewal after Trent and the progress of Catholic reconquest in various lands. He analyzes the social composition of the Tridentine clergy and the papal curia and studies the making of early modern sainthood and the enclosure of religious women. Encompassing art and architecture, Hsia attempts to understand Catholic renewal as a vast historical development that shaped European civilization and also explores its expansion and encounter with non-Christian cultures in America, Africa, and Asia. The new edition of this acclaimed textbook offers an additional chapter on “The Catholic Book,” a section on India, new material on sanctity and the inquisition as well as an updated bibliography.

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## Preface to the second edition

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A new chapter, "The Catholic book," has been added to reflect the scholarship on the Index of Prohibited Books, censorship, and Catholic book production neglected in the first edition of my work. The updated Bibliographical Essay contains many new studies published since 1998, which form the basis for my expanded discussion of the new religious orders and the making of Counter-Reformation saints, as well as the additional section on India in the chapter on missions in Asia.

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## Chronology

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- 1540 Papal recognition of the Society of Jesus
- 1541 Religious Colloquy at Regensburg between Protestants and Catholics in the Holy Roman Empire
- 1545 General Church Council opened in Trent
- 1547 Charles V victorious over Lutheran German princes at Battle of Mühlberg  
Church Council translated to Bologna
- 1548 Termination of first period of Church Council
- 1551–52 Second period of Church Council reconvened at Trent
- 1552 Francis Xavier died in Macao
- 1555 Religious Peace of Augsburg established Lutheranism as official confession alongside Catholicism in the empire
- 1559 First Jesuit mission in Japan
- 1562–63 Third and concluding period of the Church Council at Trent
- 1564 Proclamation of Tridentine decrees in the dominions of Philip II of Spain
- 1565 Archbishop Carlo Borromeo began reforms in Milan  
Permanent Spanish settlement in the Philippines
- 1570 The Inquisition established in Mexico and Peru
- 1572 French Calvinists massacred on the feast of St. Bartholomew
- 1577 First in a wave of executions of Catholic missionaries in Elizabethan England
- 1580 First Jesuit mission established in China
- 1581 First anti-Catholic legislation in the United Provinces
- 1584 Japanese Catholic emissary to Europe
- 1588 Reorganization of papal government resulted in the creation of congregations of cardinals for secular and spiritual affairs
- 1598 Edict of Nantes established toleration of Protestants in France

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1614	Japanese government began systematic suppression of Christianity
1615	Tridentine decrees recognized by the clerical estate in France
1622	Canonizations of Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Filippo Neri, new saints of the Catholic renewal
1624–29	Anti-Protestant repression in Habsburg-conquered Bohemia
1626	Consecration of the new Basilica of St. Peter in Rome
1641	Anti-English and anti-Protestant uprising in Ireland suppressed by Cromwell
1643	First volumes of the <i>Acta sanctorum</i> published
1653	Papal condemnation of propositions from <i>Augustinus</i> by Cornelius Jansen
1685	Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in France
1692	Christianity recognized by Emperor Kangxi in China
1710	Prohibition of “Chinese Rites” by papal envoy
1731	Expulsion of 17,000 Protestants from the principality of Salzburg
1732	Seminary for Chinese priests established in Naples
1759	Expulsion of Jesuits from all Portuguese dominions
1761	Suppression of the Society of Jesus in France
1767	Expulsion of Jesuits from all Spanish dominions
1773	Suppression of the Society of Jesus by papal decree