Counter Reformation:

- The Catholic Church wanted to stop the spread of Protestantism.
- It was losing followers which meant it was losing money.
- They refocused on strictly following the commands and rules of the Church.
The Catholic Church wanted to repent for its…

Society of Jesus or Jesuits

Inquisitions

No more indulgences

Stop the spread of Protestantism
Girolamo Savonarola:

- Was one of first reformers to try to change the church from within
- During the late 1400's, he preached fiery sermons against the abuses of the church
- He called the churches to melt down their gold and silver ornaments to buy bread for the hungry and poor members of the church
- Savonarola was eventually excommunicated for spreading ideas the Pope thought was dangerous
- Was executed in Florence (1498)
Ignatius of Loyola/The Jesuits:

- Religious leader who was devoted to the Catholic Church, formed the Society of Jesus in 1539 (known as the Jesuits)

- The Jesuits were recognized by the Pope

- Their mission was to
  - defend and spread the Catholic Faith around the world
  - send missionaries to Asia and the Americas
  - set up schools

- Restored Catholicism to many areas of Germany, Eastern Europe, and other parts of the world
Council of Trent:

**Purpose**
- Met to reform the Church
- The council reaffirmed most of the Church's doctrines and practices:
  - Salvation comes through faith and good works
  - The Bible is the only source of truth

**Decisions**
- Ended the selling of indulgences
- Clergy-Had to reside in the church, had to have an education, and had to be strictly celibate

**Impact**
- Lead to a unity of the church, a clear set of doctrines, and inspired a renewed spiritual confidence
Spanish Inquisition:

- An effort to prevent the spread of Protestant religions
- Persecution of Mariscos (Christian Moors) and Marranos (Christian Jews)
- Succeeded in bringing southern German and Eastern Europe back to Catholicism
Italian Inquisition:

- Also known as the Roman Inquisition
- The Church issued the *Index of Prohibited Books*: catalogue of forbidden readings to stamp out rebellions
- The Church warned that if people read the books on the catalogue they would lose their souls
- Seen as an abuse of the Church's power
What was the goal of the Spanish and Italian Inquisitions?

What was the purpose and impact of the Council of Trent?

Who founded the Jesuits?