

In the fall of the sack of Rome by Alaric #10 produced a great shock - foundations of world being loosened - meantime the organization of the church had grown up. The diocesan system centered in Rome influenced by old time organization & by side of empire which was tottering arose the organization of the church the *City of God* of St Augustine - This is with Augustine the ideal church. - He conceives of it as a state. The City is used by him as a State - like Greek Polis - he is profoundly impressed by Greek thought & borrows much to Plato. It has been said with much truth that mid. concept of church formulated by St Augustine was a Christianized Platonic Republic

St Aug. & mid. writers who followed him set by the side of the secular state the spiritual state but counting secular as other spiritual side of man - Two were interlaced of each other, but as far as one exercised control over the other it was the spiritual over the secular. This spiritual state tended in practice to be identified with secular, arising centering in the Pope & so St Augustine's doctrine of the City of God led the way to the mid. theory of the papacy in its