

# CHURCH ARCHITECTURE VOCABULARY

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Churches are places of worship, often shaped in the form of a cross.

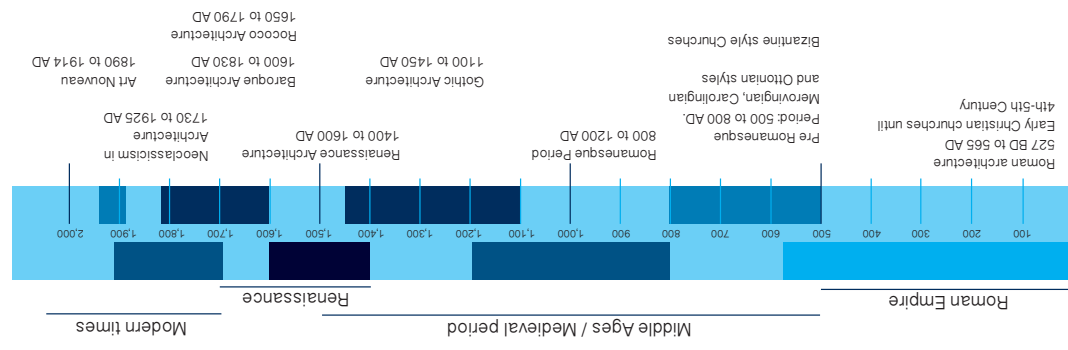
The Term Church is very generic and specific terms can be used to describe, often larger edifices.

A **Cathedral** has a specific ecclesiastical role and administrative purpose as the seat of a bishop. The cathedral takes its name from the word cathedra, or "bishops' throne".

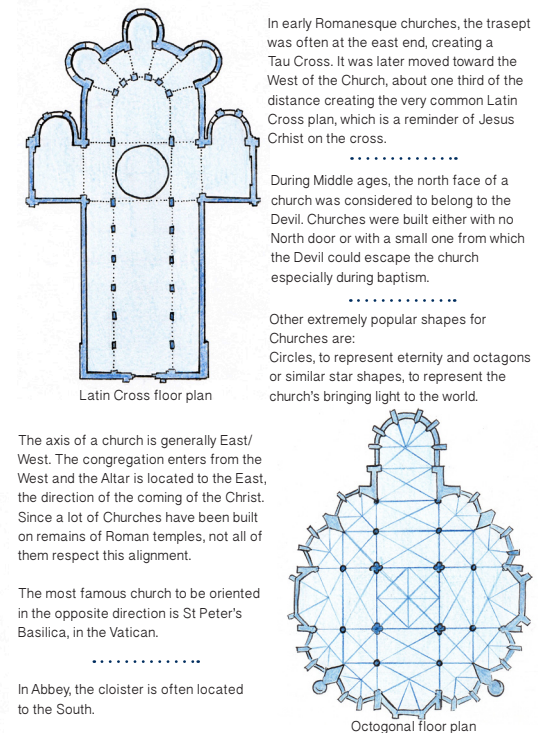
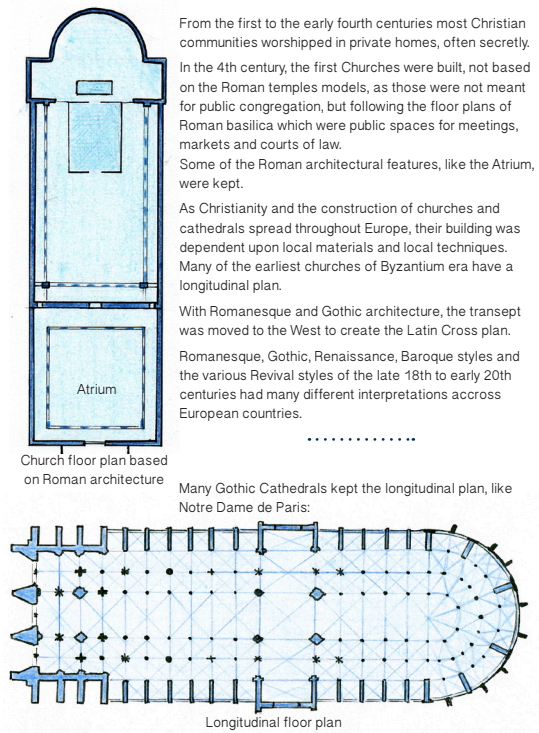
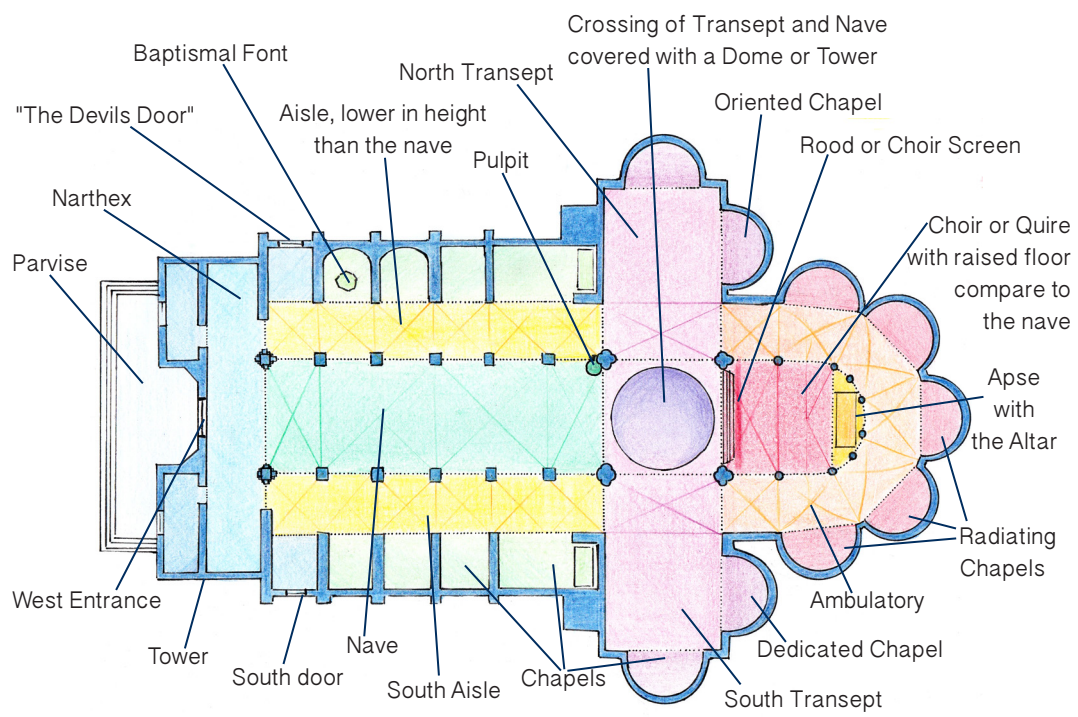
A **Basilica** is a large and important church that has been given special ceremonial rights by the Pope. It usually holds reliquaries or is a place of dedicated pilgrim.

These are not exclusive, a church can be an Abbey, serve as a Cathedral, and also be a Basilica.

A **Chapel** is often small in size and is, just like churches, a religious place of worship. Chapels are usually attached to a larger, often non religious building like a castle.



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