Monastic Reform

Cluny
Cistercians (Trappists)
Carthusians
St. Benedict
CLUNY

• Benedict of Aniane (c. 750-821)
  – Chosen by Charlemagne
  – Uniformity of Christianity
  – The Rule of St. Benedict
  – Founded Cluny
CLUNY

• Cluny (909)
  – Founded by Duke William of Aquitaine
  – Defended by saints
  – Depended directly on pope
  – Owed no money to William
The largest religious building of its times
One of the largest ever built
CLUNY

- Great abbots
- Push the rise of the papacy
- “Order of Cluny”
- Political & spiritual impact
- All Soul’s Day (Nov. 2)
Hotel of Cluny in Paris
CLUNY

• Cluny attacks “the Liberty of the Church”
  – Canon law
  – Attack on Simony
  – Attack on Nicolaitism
  – Attack lay investiture
CISTERCIANS

• Founded in 1098
• By 1134, 70 Cistercian abbeys
Bernard of Clairvaux
St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

- Joined the Cistersian Order (1113)
  - 30 others join
- Charismatic recruiter
- Return to simplicity
- Abbeys: beautiful & productive sites
- Chosen to found a new monastery:
  - Abbey of Clairvaux
    - Converted by Napoleon into a prison
St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

- Founder & Abbot of Clairvaux
- Spiritual revival of 12th century
- Influence in the Rule for the Knights Templar (formed 1118)
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
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"If you desire to know what is inside, leave behind the bodies that you brought from the world: only souls are allowed."

(Saint Bernard - sermon to novices before entering the Abbey of Clairvaux)
Daughter-houses of Clairvaux
Authenticity
Natural beauty
Simplicity
...Ora
CARTHUSIANS

• **St. Bruno (1030-1101)**
  – Pursued eremitical life
    • La Grande Chartreuse
  – Combine eremitical & cenobitical life
  – Built oratory & individual cells
  – Roughly followed the Rule of St. Benedict
The Great Chartreuse
CARTHUSIANS

• St. Bruno (1030-1101)
  – Embraced poverty, manual work, prayer, & transcribing manuscripts
St. Bruno
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