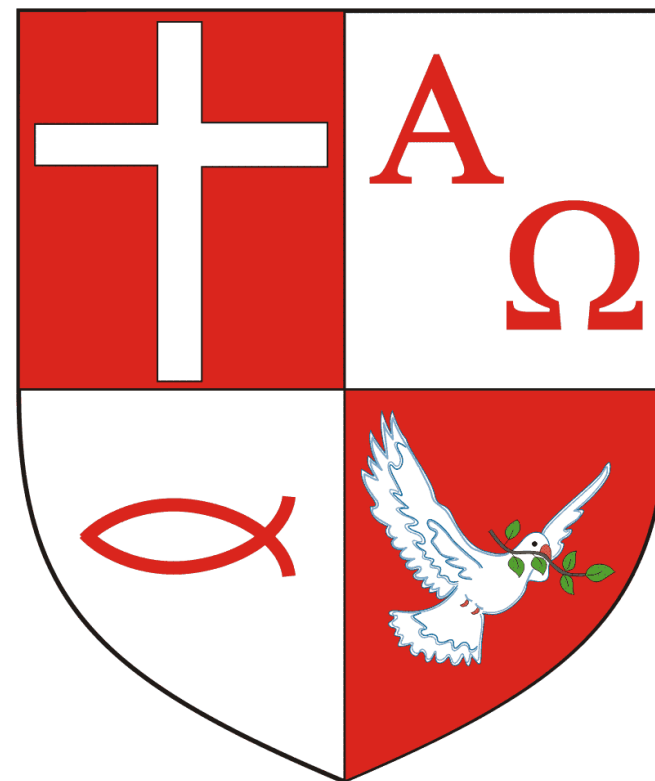


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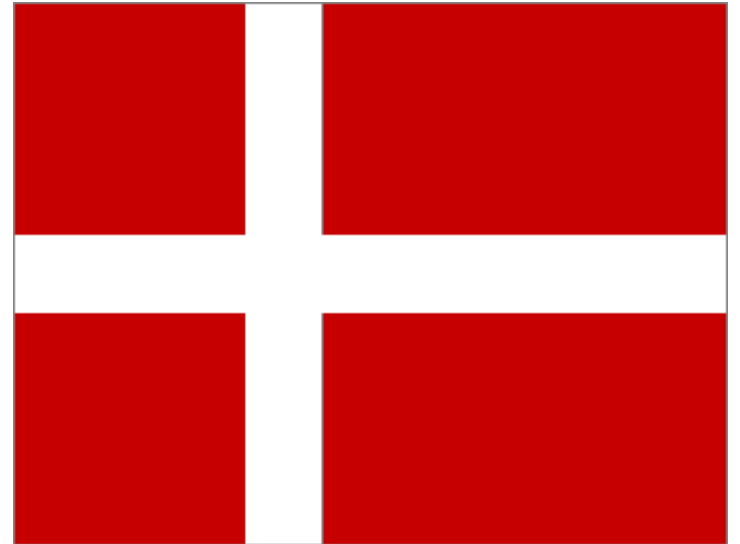
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Historic facts

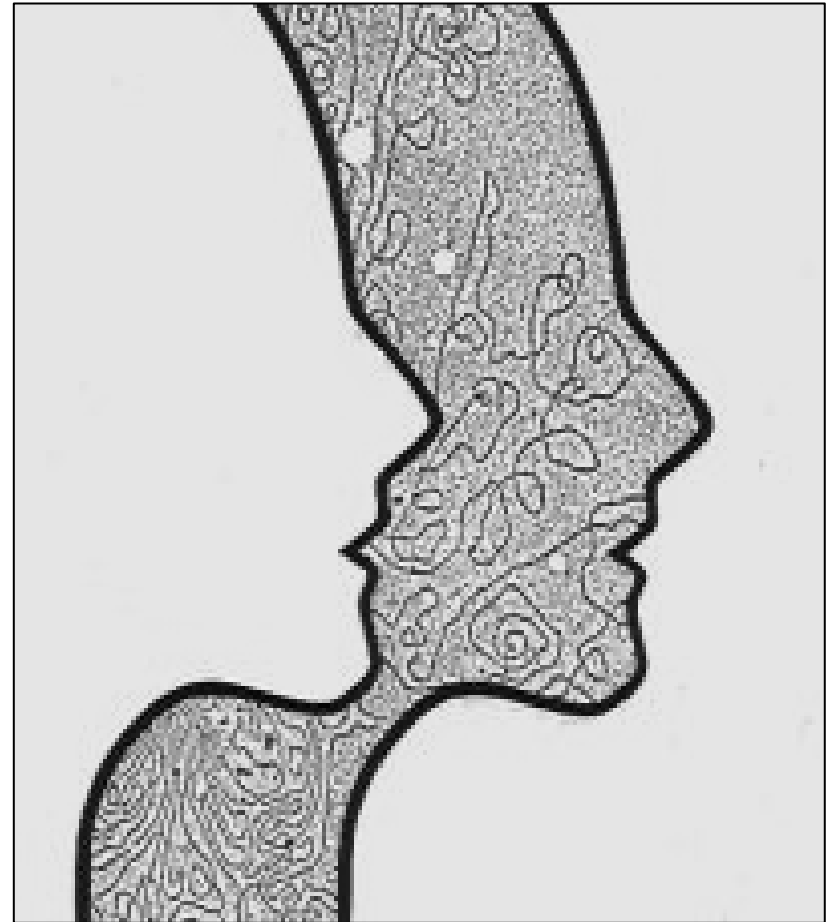
- Denmark was Christianized before AD 1,000
- Protestant reformation in 1536 made Lutheranism the official state religion and Catholicism was banned
- Catholicism was again allowed in 1849
- Presently approx. 35,000 Catholics in Denmark mainly resulting from immigration
- Approx 12% of Catholics regularly attend Sunday mass



Areas of agreement

- Social responsibility
- Human rights
- Solidarity

- Your experience?



Areas of contention

- Truth & relativism
- God
- Eternal life
- Morals
 - Autonomy & sexuality

- Your experience?



Re-evangelization

- DK is an example of the future to come
- How to rekindle a longing for God?
- How to make Catholicism attractive to modern Danes?
- Your experience?



Way ahead

- What can you suggest for us to use?
- What have you learned from your stay?
- Can you use your experience when you go home?

