

decided that as there were companies, military companies supporting various nobles and leaders, he should have a military company and he called it the company of Jesus and the Latin word which we transliterate "society" actually means "company" - it's a military company and he called his group the company of Jesus and he was determined that only men of the very best background and the highest training, men who'd never had any taint or trace of heresy in their background in any way, should ever be permitted to enter his order. It would be a small group, a small group of picked leaders, not a large organization. That was his ambition and to that in the main, the order has stuck ever since. He got these young men, some of them were older than he, but these men who came to stand with him on his ideal, he persuaded them each one to take a month off and let him give them the spiritual exercises and then in 1534 they went to a church of St. Mary just outside of Paris and there they took vows that they would engage together in missionary labors in Palestine or if that should prove impossible, they would do whatever the Pope should direct. Their ideas were not nearly as definite as they became later as to what they were to do but the general type of the organization was pretty well taking form in Ignatius' mind and with great effort and care and thought he had managed to get together 6 or 8 men of remarkable ability and gotten them to be ready to follow him and stand with him. And so these men stood together on this and they went down to Italy intending to go to the Holy Land and engage in missionary work and there in Italy they won the favor of Conterini but the ill-will of Caraffa. Caraffa in 1524 founded an order of his own, the Theotibes (?) and he thought this order was going to be the great new order, in fact there'd been a number of other orders founded but the Jesuits eventually completely eclipsed all. But Caraffa was unfavorable to them, Conterini was favorable to them at this point. They came to Paul III in Rome, won his approval for their