

plan to go to Palestine but war broke out then between Venice and the Church so they devoted themselves to street-preaching in northern Italy. And then when the conditions were such they couldn't get to Palestine, they went to the Pope again and asked him for his support, for his approval of their plan and he established them with his approval in 1540 giving Papal sanction to the Order of the Society of Jesus - people began calling them Jesuits right away - they didn't like the name they tried to get away from it but it stuck to them as sort of a nickname - the Society of Jesus or more literally, "The Company of Jesus" is the actual title. And when you see a name of some writer of some scholarly work today, you very often see after his name the letters "SJ"/- "The Society of Jesus". The order was limited to 60 when it was founded by the Pope's order, though three years later this restriction was abandoned. In Italy there were some there who accused them of heresy and they had to go through investigations again but they proved they were not heretical at all in their views and they won Paul III's support. The system as he established it - each one is under constant surveillance by the others and the general himself has a group of men around him who constantly watch him and they can call a meeting of all those with power to vote, if they think wise, who can depose the general. And that has been done once or twice in its history but it's not common because the general has been trained for thirty or forty years before he becomes general and is constantly spied on - they know exactly where he stands and he stands not for himself but for the order and its purpose. Well, we'll look further tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock on the history of the Jesuit Order.

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