



What's the difference between Christian catholic and roman catholic religion?

- Nothing.

The Catholic Church has consistently referred to itself as the “Catholic Church” at least since 107 C.E., when the term appears in the writings of St. Ignatius of Antioch

The term "Roman" Catholic is rather recent.

The new Anglican Church in England started using the term “Roman” in the 1500s as one of many ways of demeaning and demonizing Catholics.

Catholics accepted this late coming adjective without too much protest. Today “Catholic” and “Roman Catholic” are interchangeable terms. Both terms are even used in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

To add a little more confusion, some apply the term “Roman Catholic Church” only to the Latin Rite Catholic Church, excluding the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches that are in full communion with the Pope, and are part of the same Church, under the Pope.

Eastern Rite Catholic Churches include:

Alexandrian liturgical tradition

- Coptic Catholic Church
- Ethiopic Catholic Church

Antiochian (Antiochene or West-Syrian) liturgical tradition

- Maronite Church
- Syrian Catholic Church
- Syro-Malankara Catholic Church

Armenian liturgical tradition:

- Armenian Catholic Church

Chaldean or East Syrian liturgical tradition:

- Chaldean Catholic Church
- Syro-Malabar Church

Byzantine (Constantinopolitan) liturgical tradition:

- Albanian Byzantine Catholic Church
- Belarusian Greek Catholic Church
- Bulgarian Greek Catholic Church
- Byzantine Church of the Eparchy of Križevci
- Greek Byzantine Catholic Church
- Hungarian Greek Catholic Church
- Italo-Albanian Catholic Church
- Macedonian Greek Catholic Church
- Melkite Greek Catholic Church
- Romanian Church
- Russian Byzantine Catholic Church
- Ruthenian Catholic Church
- Slovak Greek Catholic Church
- Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

The term “Roman” neither increases nor decreases the faith, hope and love of the Catholic Church.

- Look also

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13121a.h...>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman Catho...](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Catho...)

With love in Christ.

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