Purgatory as intermediate place between Heaven and Hell

Images from maps of Dante’s *Divine Comedy*

Cult of the saints as intercessors, especially Virgin Mary
Dante’s Universe
Inferno
Hell
Mosaic of the Devil from
Baptistery in Florence
(where Dante was baptized)

Satan is at bottom of Hell
with
three traitors in three mouths:
1) Judas
2) Brutus
3) Cassius

Brutus and Cassius were
assassins of Caesar, and after
his exile from Florence,
Dante had become a supporter
of the Empire (which Caesar
represents). Brutus is the main
symbol for the Roman Republic,
which Caesar was trying to
replace.
J: Jerusalem  P: Mount of Purgatory
G: Gibraltar  G': Mouth of the river Ganges
F: Florence  E: Mouth of the river Ebro
S: South Pole
Dante with Mountain of Purgatory and Florence

Domenico di Michelino 15th C
Cult of the saints & relics

St. Christopher medal

Levels of devotion in Catholic Theology:

1) God/Christ: adoration (latria)
2) Saints: reverence (dulia)
3) Virgin Mary: hyperdulia
Cult of the Virgin

Madonna of Mercy Ghirlandaio 1472
The Beautiful Virgin of Regensburg

Miracle working woodcut image

1519
Pilgrimage to the Madonna of Regensburg

1520

Michael Ostendorfer

Lutheran woodcut
Pilgrims and petitioners lying on the ground in front of statue of Mary at Regensburg
St. Anne – Mother of Mary

Luther’s chosen protector

Durer 1519