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**Lest we forget the Crusades**  
**Catholic Church (WLD)**

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On March 12, 2000 Pope John Paul II endeavoured to purify the soul of the Catholic Church by apologising for 2000 years of "sins" committed by the church.

Many Vatican officials feared that an apology would concede only the victims' perspective on history and may open the floodgates to compensation ...

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One "error", "fault" or "sin" John Paul requested forgiveness for was the bloodbath called the Crusades, which claimed an estimated 56 million lives according to MD Aletheia in his *Rationalist's Manual*:

CRUSADE	LIVES LOST
Saracen/Muslim Crusades	7,000,000
Aryan Crusade	1,000,000
Carthaginian Crusades	1,000,000
Spanish Crusades	5,000,000
Scandinavian Crusades	2,000,000
Aztec/Peruvian Crusades	30,000,000
Witchcraft Crusades	9,000,000

Holy Wars*	1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,000,000</b>

\* Against the Netherlands, Albigenses, Waldenses and Huguenots

In addition, since the discovery of the Americas under Pope Alexander VI (1492-1503), an estimated 150,000,000 native Americans have died in the name of Christ at the hands of Catholic and Protestant crusaders and colonialists.

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In 1095, at the Council of Clermont, Pope Urban II (1088-99) launched the First Crusade to liberate Jerusalem from the Muslims.

"Through the haze of legend," said James A Haught in his *Holy Horrors: An Illustrated History of Religious Murder and Madness*, "the Crusades are remembered as a romantic quest by noble knights wearing crimson crosses.

"In reality, the Crusades were a sickening nightmare of slaughter, rape, looting, and chaos - mixed with belief in magic.

"The crusaders killed nearly as many Christians and Jews as they did Muslims, their intended target ..."

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Millions died as waves of untrained peasant armies swept through countrysides, chopping and burning defenceless men, women and children in the name of God ...

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The chronicler Raymond of Aguilers described "the wonderful things" that were seen when Jerusalem, on July 15, 1099, fell before the attack of the Christian crusaders.

"Numbers of the Saracens were beheaded. Others were shot with arrows, or forced to jump from the towers; others were

tortured for several days, then burned in flames.

"In the streets were seen piles of heads and hands and feet. One rode about everywhere amid the corpses of men and horses.

"In the temple of Solomon, the horses waded in blood up to their knees, nay, up to the bridle.

"It was a just and marvellous judgment of God, that this place should be filled with the blood of the unbelievers ..."

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So pleased was the Roman Catholic Church with the achievements of Pope Urban II that, in July 1881, he was canonised by Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903).

Hence the man who launched the Crusades, which together claimed the lives of some 56,000,000 individuals, is called Saint Urban ...

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*"Civilisation will not attain to its perfection  
until the last stone from the last church  
falls on the last priest"*

*(Emile Zola)*

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