

## **Educational Material – The history of the Cathedral**

- Ca. 830** Ansgar, missionary from France, is the first to preach Christianity in Sweden. Sigtuna, south of Uppsala is one of the places he visits.
- Ca. 1000** Olof Skötkonung, Swedish king is baptised at the source of Husaby in the province of Västergötland.
- 11<sup>th</sup> century** A cathedral is constructed on the lieu of the pagan temple at the moulds of Old Uppsala.
- 1160** King Erik Jedvardsson is killed in a battle with Danish troops close to today's Cathedral.
- 1260 circa** The foundation of Uppsala Cathedral. Sweden is a Catholic country.
- 1274** The relics of King Erik are transferred from Old Uppsala to the new cathedral in Eastern Aros, which hereby is renamed Uppsala.
- 1435** Uppsala Cathedral is inaugurated on Whitsun Monday.
- 1477** Uppsala University is founded by archbishop Jakob Ulfsson.
- 1521-23** The Lutheran Reformation is adopted by the king, Gustavus I Vasa. Some priests remaining loyal to the Pope leave, but others stay. The work at the university stops.
- 1541** 1541 The first translation of the Bible into Swedish, a royal assignment, is completed by Olaus and Laurentius Petri.
- 1560** Medieval murals are covered by whitening. People should listen to the sermon and not be distracted by paintings!
- 1593** Uppsala Convocation adopts the Lutheran creed. Church of Sweden becomes an evangelical Lutheran church.
- 1595** Uppsala University is reopened.
- 1702** After the city fire 1702 the cathedral is rebuilt in baroque style, introducing new altarpiece and pulpit.
- 1885-93** Helgo Zetterwall is responsible for restoring the cathedral in a high gothic manner. Murals are restored and painted in a medieval spirit.

- 1917** The second translation of the Bible into Swedish.
- 1925** Nathan Söderblom, archbishop, is able to gather church leaders from many different traditions to Uppsala and Stockholm, addressing the responsibility of the churches for world peace.
- 1951** Freedom of religion is granted in the Swedish constitution.
- 1968** The fourth General Assembly of the World Council of Churches is held in Uppsala.
- 1989** John Paul II visits Scandinavia as the first Pope ever. He prays for the visible unity of the church in an ecumenical service in Uppsala Cathedral, together with the Swedish archbishop at the time, Bertil Werkström.
- 1996** Baptism is made the principle way of acquiring membership in the Church of Sweden.
- 1997** Christina Odenberg is ordained as the first female bishop in Sweden at a service here in Uppsala Cathedral. She is the bishop of the diocese of Lund.
- 1999** The third official translation of the Bible, is completed and handed over to the churches and people of Sweden in a service in the cathedral.
- 2000** Church of Sweden becomes a free church. It is no longer the government which appoints bishops and deans, but the church itself.