The medieval monarchies

The difficult legacy of Charlemagne

Ludovico il Pio

Charlemagne died in 814. Of his three sons, only Louis the Pious survived, he reigned until 840 and took care of the organization of the vast empire, without further expanding it. There were no major wars under him.

He was called "the Pious" because of his strong devotion, manifested since he was a child.



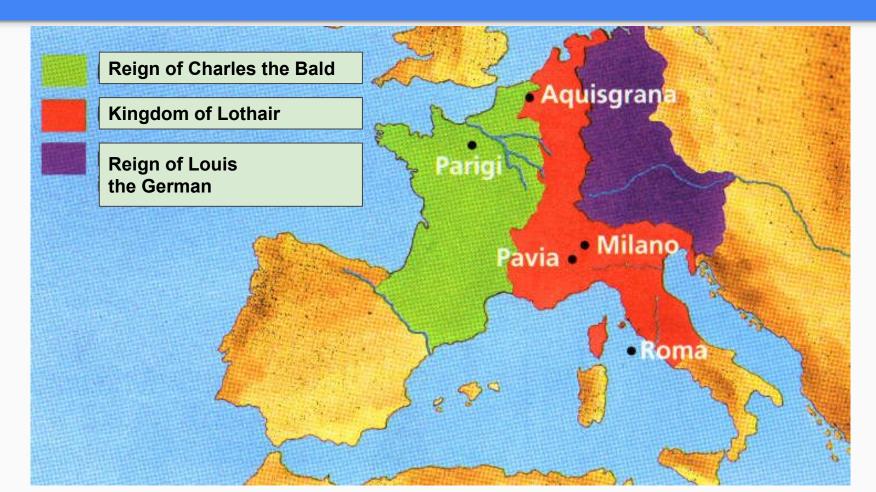
A difficult legacy

1840: Ludovico died, but he had already designated Lothair, his eldest son, as the imperial heir. The other two sons, not satisfied, allied to fight against Lothair and faced him after fierce wars.

Only in 843 they signed the Treaty of Verdun, which established the division of the territories.

- 1. LOTARIUS: imperial title, control of Italy and of a strip of territory, between France and Germany, which he called Lotharingia.
- 2. LUDOVICO (known as the Germanic) obtained Germany.
- 3. Charles (called the Bald) obtained France.

The map with the division of the Empire



The birth of national languages

On the occasion of the Verdun agreement, an agreement was written between the sovereigns; it was drawn up in the languages spoken by the people: French and German. This act sanctioned the birth of these two national languages.

It will take at least a century to find the first official document in Italian: the placito capuano.

Prodo smar & gopran poblo de mo comu pluamente dut de en ausno: mausnorte Must sepoder modunar, Maluaraico out moon fractiv Karlo . & unad with or in cad hund orfa . flow orth o drove un fradra Aluar det. Ino quid il mestere A faze. Etabludher mul pland magual prindras qui meon not cut meon fradre terle undamno fic.

Silodhu

was harameno que son fradre Karlo war confernat. Fo Karlis mooffendry jurat conservat, et Karlus meos sendra defer paren lottant fivereumar non time por neto menoulf our eo returnar me pour in milla amba contra lodhi umg nunh mer.

savir et podir me dunat, si salvarai eo cist mean fradre Kado et in aiudha fradra salvar dift, in o quid il mi altresi fazet et ab Ludher nul plaid nunquam prindrai qui, meon vol, cist meon fradre

Si Lodhuvias

int pois, in nulla aiudha contra Lodhuvig