Crusading Vows During and After the Crusades

- Crusading Idea Developed in the 11th century
- Vow before clergy and God
- Control over violence in Europe





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Subsequent Crusades



- The Papacy attempted to control the spiritual and secular aspects of the crusader vow
- The widening of the Crusades to other lands meant a change to the fulfillment of the crusader vow
- The military orders played a large part in the evolution of the crusading vow



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Conclusion

- Vows to fight the enemies of God were present before the Crusades
- The combination of spiritual fight with a Earthly fight was a potent combination
- Military vows continue today in the oatled
 of office for commissioned officers of the
 Armed forces of many different countries



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