**NOTE 7: DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE AGES/MEDIEVAL PERIOD**

**7.0. DIPLOMACY IN ANTIQUITY**

The timeline called **Middle Age/Medieval** period covers the timeline of 5th century AD to the 15th century AD. Forthis course, we would cover Diplomacy Medieval Italian.

**7.1. ITALIAN DIPLOMACY**

Starting from the 5th century AD, with the collapse of the western Roman Empire the centre of Diplomacy in the Mediterranean shifted from Rome (Capital of the Western Roman Empire) to Constantinople ( Capital of the Byzantine Empire). The early middle age did not such much development in the Diplomacy, until the late Medieval Period. Under the Middle Medieval Period and the Late Medieval Period, Rome regained its place and the centre of Diplomacy in Western Europe. It was of the centre of the Catholic Church headed by the Pope in Rome. As Rome was the centre of Christiandom, you had a large number of Diplomatic Agent posted to Rome given it such prominence.

In the 13th and 14th century, modern diplomatic practices began to surface in Italy. Italian city-states were similar to the Greek independent state system characterised by common cultural & commercial interests racked by intense political & military competition. From here emerged ambassador-scholars as **Dante, Petrarch & Machiavelli** the first recorded diplomatic mission was established in Genoa in 1455 by Duke of Milan.