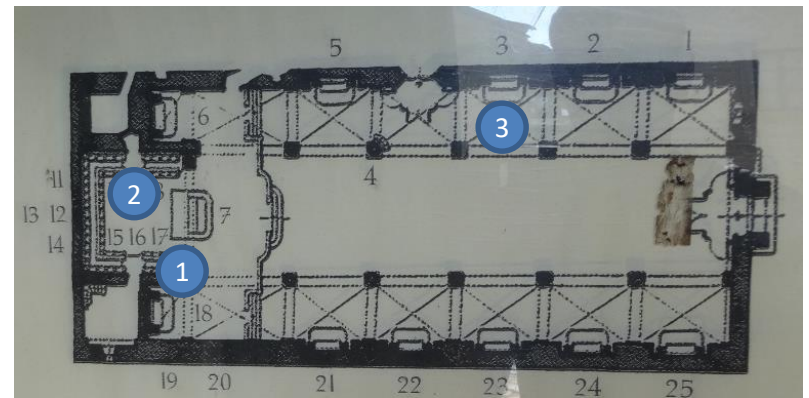


Cathedral of Santa Maria

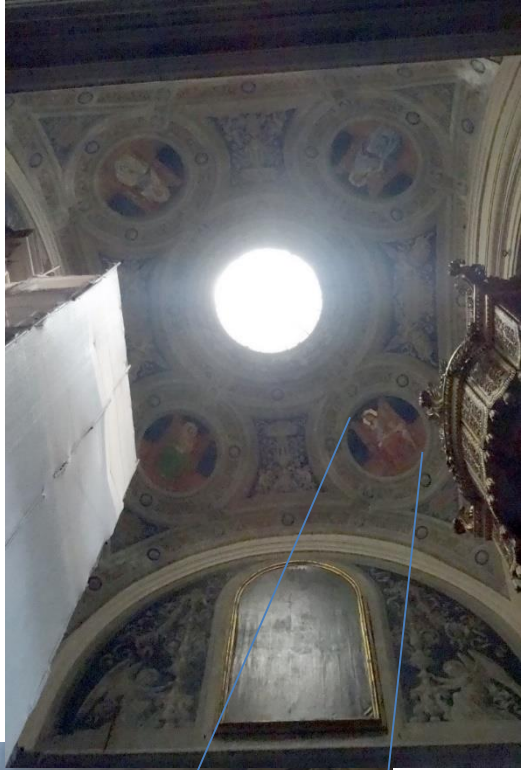
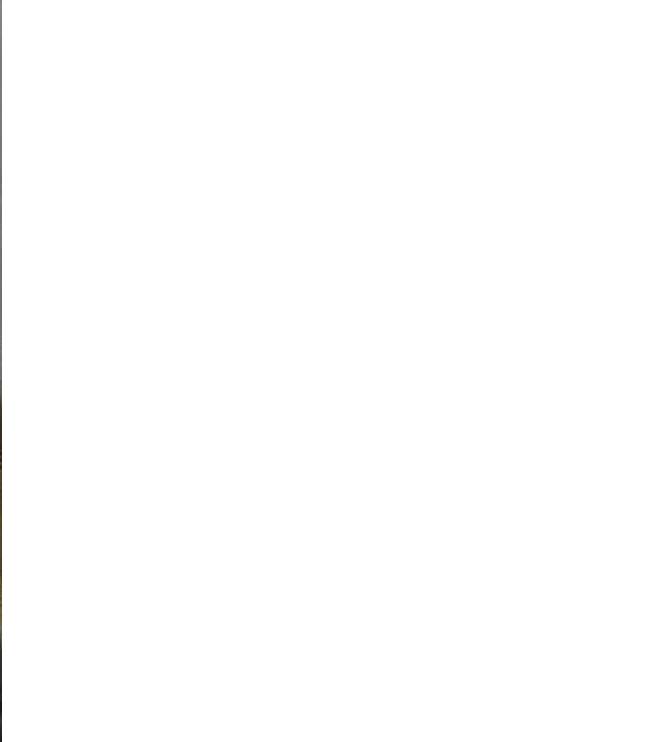
Duomo di Cortona

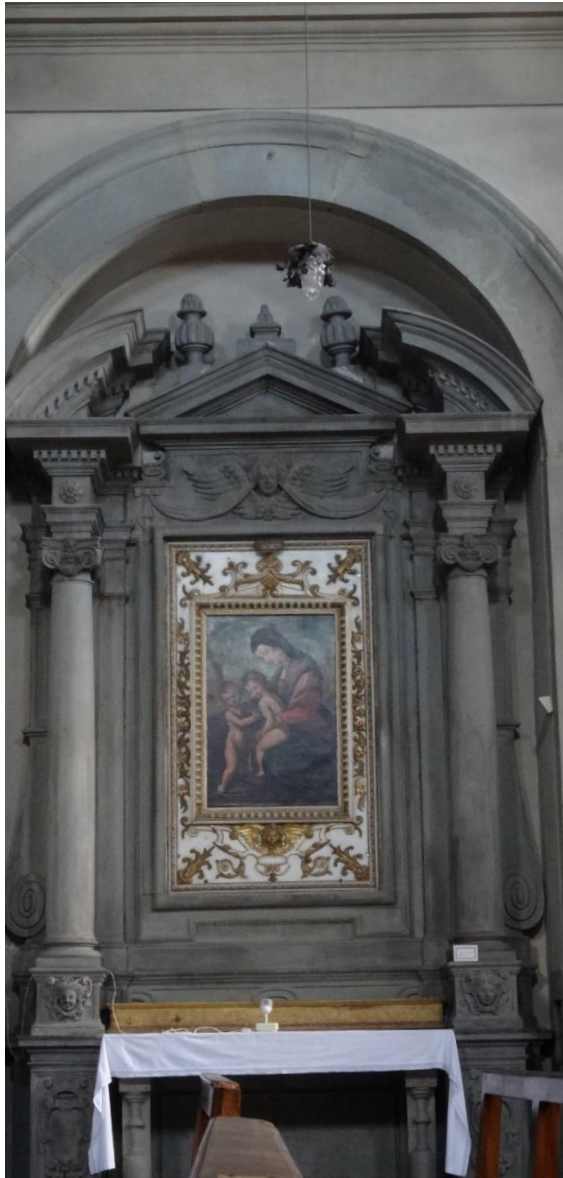
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The church was built over the remains of an ancient Roman temple and is mentioned (as a *pieve*, or plebeian church) in the 11th century. In 1325 the diocese of Cortona was created from the territory of the diocese of Arezzo, but the present cathedral was not chosen at that date as the episcopal seat, although the adjoining building was used as the bishop's residence.

In 1507 Pope Julius II resolved the anomaly and transferred the bishop's seat from the sub-urban church of San Vincenzo. As if in preparation for its new importance, the interior had been refurbished in the late 15th century.





Madonna con bambino
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secolo XVI

