

EMPERORS, BISHOPS & CHURCH FATHERS

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The diagram below is designed to provide a background of the history of the early Roman Church and to throw into relief its relative insignificance. Column 3 is designed to show mathematically how **LITTLE** is known of the first Popes, and columns 4,5,6,7 and 8 to show by the same principle how **MUCH** is known of the intellectual leaders of the churches of antiquity. Follow the diagram as you read.

As a loose distinction, names in **CAPITALS** are major scholars, those in small print, minor scholars.

Figures in brackets indicate number of columns devoted to the person concerned in the **Roman Catholic Encyclopaedia (RCE)**. "G" in column 4 indicates "Wrote in Greek"

Roman Emperors Column 1	Bishops of Rome Column 2	Cols. In RCE Column 3	Fathers and Scholars of the Church				
			Western (Latin)			Eastern (Greek)	
			Rome Column 4	Others Column 5	Carthage Column 6	Alexandria Column 7	Other Column 8
AUGUSTUS (27BC-14AD) TIBERIUS (14-37)							
GAIUS (37-41) CLAUDIUS (41-54) NERO (54-68)	PAUL						
VESPASIAN (69-79) TITUS (79-81) DOMITIAN (81-96)	LINUS (64-76) CLETUS (79) CLEMENS (91-100)	1 1/3 3/4 9 1/2				IGNATIUS (6) (Bishop)	
NERVA (96-98) TRAJAN (98-117)	EVARISTUS (100-109) ALEXANDER I (109) SIXTUS I (109-128) TELESPHORUS (125-136)	1/3 1 1/2 1/3				Greek Apologists: Papias, Tatian, Polycarp, Aristides, Athenagoris, Theophilus, Quadratis.	
HADRIAN (117-138)							
ANTONINUS PIUS (138-161)	HYGINAS (138-142) PIUS I (140-154) ANICETUS (157-167) SOTER (167-175)	1/3 1 1/2 Agg 1/2	(G) Hermas (5)				
M. AURELIUS (161-180)	ELEUTHERIUS (175-189)	2		IRENAEUS of Lyon (2) (Greek-trained bishop)		Pantaenus (2)	Justin Martyr
COMMODUS (180-193)	VICTOR I (189-198)	2 2/3			TERTULLIAN (9) "Father of Latin theology"	Clement (-)	HEGESIPPUS (1 2/3)
PERTINAX (193) DIDIUS (193) NIGER (193)							DIONYSIUS of Corinth (1)

SEPT SEVERUS (193-211) CARACALLA (198-211) GETA (209-211) CARACALLA (211-217)	ZEPHYRINUS (198-217)	2	(G) HIPPOLYTUS (4) Anti-Pope			ORIGEN (11) "Master of the Churches"	
MAXIMUS (217-218) ELAGABALUS (218-222)			(G) Caius (½)		CYPRIAN (12) "father of the hierarchy"	DIONYSIUS (5) Bishop, second only to Cyprian	
ALEXANDER SEVERUS (222-235)	CALLISTUS	3					
MAXIMIAN (235-237)	URBAN I (222-230)	2					
GORDIANUS ((237-244)	PONTIAN (230-235)	$\frac{2}{3}$					
PHILIP the ARAB (244-249)	ANTERUS (235)	$\frac{1}{3}$					
DECIUS (249-251)	FABIANUS (236-250)	$\frac{1}{2}$					
GALLUS (251-253)					MINUCIUS- FELIX (2½) Translator.		
VALERIAN (253-260)	CORNELIUS (251-253)	1¼	NOVATIAN (6) Anti-Pope				GREGORY THAUMA- TURGUS (3½)
GALLIENUS (260-268)	STEPHEN (254-257)	1					Lucian of Antioch (1)
CLAUDIS (268-270)	SIXTUS II (257-258)	1⅓					-----
AURELIAN (270-275)	DIONYSIUS (259-268)	1					Historian EUSEBIUS of Caesarea (9)
TACITUS (275-276)	FELIX I (269-274)	1					-----
PROBUS (276-282)							Eusebius of Nicomedia (5)
CARUS (282-284)	EUTYCHIAN (275-283)	$\frac{1}{3}$					
DIOCLETIAN (284-305)	CAIUS (283-296)	Agg ½					
MAXIMIAN (286-305)	MARCELLINUS (296-308)	3			LACTANTIUS (1½) Orator.	ARIUS (1) "heresy"	
	----- Vacancy -----						
	MARCELLUS (309)	1⅓					

CONSTANTINE (306-337)	EUSEBIUS (309)	1		HILARY of Poitiers (1½)		ATHANASIUS (10½)	CYRIL of Jerusalem (3)
	MELCHIADES (314-335)	1⅓		(Bible commentary. Theologian)		"Father of the Christian Creed"	
CONSTANTIUS (337-361)	SYLVESTER I (335-336)	1					GREGORY of Nazianzus (8)
	MARCUS (336)	-----					
JULIAN (361-363)	JULIUS I (337-352)	2				
JOVIAN (363)	LIBERIUS (352-366)	11		MARTIN of Tours (2)		DIDYMUS the Blind (2)	
VALENTINIAN (364-367)	FELIX II Anti-Pope	1		(Monasticism)			BASIL (6)
VALENS (364-375)						
GRATIAN (367-379)	DAMASUS (366-384)	2		JEROME (5½)			
VALENTINIAN II (375)	URSICINUS Anti-Pope	---		Translator			
	SIRICIUS (384-398)	2		"Master of Christian prose"		AUGUSTINE (39)	GREGORY of Nyssa (3)
THEODOSIUS I (379-395)	ANASTASIUS (398-401)	7½ lines.			"Greatest of Western Fathers"	
HONORIUS (395-425)	INNOCENT I (401-417)	3					
ARCADIUS (395-408)	ZOSIMUS (417-418)	2				CYRIL (5)	
	BONIFACE I (418-422)	2					CHRYSOS-TOM (---)
VALENTINIAN III (425-455)	CELESTINE I (422-432)	2					
THEODOSIUS II (408-450)	SIXTUS III (432-440)	⅓					
MAXIMUS (455- Avitus Majorian Severus Anthemius Olybrius Glycerius Nepos Augustulus	LEO THE GREAT (440-461)	5					
ODOVACAR Barbarian (476-							

This diagram and accompanying article (A Cameo of History), are based upon the following authorities:-

Roman Catholic Encyclopaedia; Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"; Farrar's "Lives of the Fathers"; McCabe's "History of the Popes"; H.G. Wells' "Outline of History"; and the "Crux Ansata", and "The History of the World" by W.N. Weech.

Where I have found a concise analysis, I have not laboured to affect a paraphrase. Readers will strike familiar phrases and sentences, particularly in the section dealing with "Papal Succession", where I have borrowed liberally from Joseph McCabe.

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