



APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION
OF THE
BISHOPS
OF THE
ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF TEXAS

***ROMAN and OLD CATHOLIC [See of ROMAN and OLD
CATHOLIC [See of Utrecht I] SUCCESSION***

<i>BISHOPS OF ROME (Popes) ¹</i>	<i>YEAR OF CONSECRATION</i>
<i>1. St. Peter the Apostle</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>2. St. Linus</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>3. St. Anacletus</i>	<i>76</i>
<i>4. St. Clement</i>	<i>96</i>
<i>5. Evaristus</i>	<i>97</i>

6. Alexander [I]	105
7. St. Sixtus [I]	117
8. St. Telesphorus	127
9. Hyginus	137
10. St. Pius [I]	140
11. Anicetus	155
12. St. Soter	166
13. St. Eleutherius	175
14. St. Victor [I]	189
15. St. Zephyrinus	198
16. St. Callistus [Callixtus] [I]	217
17. Urban [I]	222
18. St. Pontian	230
19. St. Anterus	235
20. St. Fabian	236
21. St. Cornelius-Martyr	251
22. St. Lucius [I]	253
23. St. Stephen [I]	254
24. St. Sixtus II	257
25. St. Dionysius	259
26. Felix [I]	269
27. St. Eutychianus	275
28. Gaius [Caius]	283
29. St. Marcellinus	296
30. St. Marcellus [I]	307
31. St. Eusebius	310
32. St. Melchiades [Miltiades]	310
33. St. Sylvester [I]	314
34. St. Marcus	336
35. St. Julius [I]	337
36. Liberius	352
37. St. Damasus [I]	366
38. St. Siricius	384
39. St. Anastasius [I]	399
40. St. Innocent [I]	402
41. St. Zosimus	417
42. St. Boniface [I]	418

43. St. Celestine [I]	422
44. St. Sixtus III	432
45. St. Leo the Great	440
46. St. Hilarus	461
47. St. Simplicius	468
48. Felix III [II]	483
49. St. Gelasius [I]	492
50. Anastasius II	496
51. St. Symmachus	498
52. St. Hormisdas	514
53. St. John [I]-Martyr	523
54. Felix IV [III]	526
55. Boniface II	530
56. John II	535
57. St. Agapetus	535
58. St. Sylverius-Martyr	536
59. Vigilius	537
60. Pelagius [I]	556
61. John III	561
62. Benedict [I]	575
63. Pelagius II	579
64. St. Gregory [I] the Great	590
65. Sabinianus	604
66. Boniface III	607
67. Boniface IV	608
68. St. Adeodatus [Deusdedit] [I]	615
69. Boniface V	619
70. Honorius [I]	625
71. Severinus	640
72. John IV	640
73. Theodore [I]	642
74. St. Martin [I] -Martyr	649
75. St. Eugenius [I]	654
76. Vitalian	657
77. Adeodatus II	672
78. Donus	676
79. St. Agatho	678

80. St. Leo II	682
81. St. Benedict II	684
82. John V	685
83. Conon	686
84. St. Sergius [I]	687
85. John VI	701
86. John VII	705
87. Sisinnius	708
88. Constantine	708
89. St. Gregory II	715
90. Gregory III	731
91. St. Zacharias	741
92. Stephen II	752
93. Stephen II [III-second election]	752
94. St. Paul [I]	757
95. St. Stephen III [IV]	768
96. Hadrian [Adrian] [I]	772
97. St. Leo III	795
98. Stephen V	816
99. St. Pascal [I]	817
100. Eugenius II	824
101. Valentine	827
102. Gregory IV	827
103. Sergius II	844
104. St. Leo IV	847
105. Benedict III	855
106. St. Nicholas [I] the Great	858
107. Hadrian [Adrian] II	867
108. John VIII	872
109. Marinus [I]	882
110. St. Hadrian [Adrian] III	884
111. Stephen VI	885
112. Formosus	891
113. Boniface VI	896
114. Stephen VII	896
115. Romanus	897
116. Theodore II	897

117. John IX	898
118. Benedict IV	900
119. Leo V	903
120. Sergius III	904
121. Anastasius III	911
122. Lando	913
123. John X	914
124. Leo VI	928
125. Stephen VIII	928
126. John XI	931
127. Leo VII	936
128. Stephen IX	939
129. Marinus II	942
130. Agapetus II	946
131. John XII	955
132. Leo VIII	963
133. Benedict V	964
134. John XIII	965
135. Benedict VI	973
136. Benedict VII	974
137. John XIV	983
138. John XV	985
139. Gregory V	996
140. Sylvester II	999
141. John XVII	1003
142. John XVIII	1004
143. Sergius IV	1009
144. Benedict VIII	1012
145. John XIX	1024
146. Benedict IX	1032
147. Sylvester III	1045
148. Benedict IX [second election]	1045
149. Gregory VI	1045
150. Clement II	1046
151. Benedict IX [third election]	1047
152. Damasus II	1048
153. St. Leo IX	1048

154. Victor II	1055
155. Stephen X	1057
156. Nicholas II	1059
157. Alexander II	1061
158. St. Gregory VI-Hildebrand	1073
159. Blessed Victor III	1086
160. Blessed Urban II	1088
161. Paschal II	1099
162. Gelasius II	1118
163. Callistus [Callixtus] II	1119
164. Honorius II	1124
165. Innocent II	1130
166. Celestine II	1143
167. Lucius II	1144
168. Blessed Eugenius III	1145
169. Anastasius IV	1153
170. Hadrian [Adrian] IV	1154
171. Alexander III (Bandinelli)	1159
172. Lucius III	1181
173. Urban III	1185
174. Gregory VIII	1187
175. Clement III	1187
176. Celestine III	1191
177. Innocent III	1198
178. Honorius III	1216
179. Gregory IX	1227
180. Celestine IV	1241
181. Innocent IV	1243
182. Alexander IV	1254
183. Urban IV	1261
184. Clement IV	1265
185. Blessed Gregory X (Visconti)	1271
186. Innocent V	1276
187. Hadrian [Adrian] V	1276
188. John XXI [no John XX]	1276
189. Nicholas III	1277
190. Martin IV	1281

191. Honorius IV	1285
192. Nicholas IV	1288
193. St. Celestine V	1294
194. Boniface VIII	1294
195. Blessed Benedict XI	1303
196. Clement V	1305
197. John XXII	1316
198. Benedict XII	1334
199. Clement VI	1342
200. Innocent VI	1352
201. Blessed Urban V	1362
202. Gregory XI	1370
203. Urban VI	1378
204. Boniface IX	1389
205. Innocent VII	1404
206. Gregory XII	1406
207. Martin V	1417
208. Eugenius IV	1431
209. Nicholas V	1447
210. Callistus [Callixtus] III (de Borgia)	1455
211. Pius II (Piccolomini)	1458
212. Paul II	1464
213. Sixtus IV (della Rovere)	1471
214. Innocent VIII	1484
215. Alexander VI (Borgia)	1492
216. Pius III	1503
217. Julius II (della Rovere)	1503
218. Leo X (de' Medici)	1513
219. Hadrian [Adrian] VI	1522
220. Clement VII	1523
221. Paul III (Farnese)	1534
222. Julius III	1550
223. Marcellus II	1555
224. Paul IV	1555
225. Pius IV (de' Medici)	1559
226. St. Pius V	1566
227. Gregory XIII	1572

228. Sixtus V (Peretti)	1585
229. Urban VII	1590
230. Gregory XIV	1590
231. Innocent IX	1591
232. Clement VIII	1592
233. Leo XI	1605
234. Paul V (Borghese)	1605
235. Gregory XV	1621
236. Urban VIII (Barberini)	1623
237. Innocent X (Pamfili)	1644
238. Alexander VII (Chigi)	1655

OLD CATHOLIC [See of Utrecht I] SUCCESSION:

BISHOPS	YEAR OF CONSECRATION
239. Antonio Cardinal Barberini (appointed Cardinal Bishop of Frascati, 10/11/1655 by Alexander VII; consecrated bishop by Abp. Giovanni Battista Scanaroli [Scannaroli])	10/24/1655
240. Abp. Charles-Maurice LeTellier of Rheims	11/11/1668
241. Bp. Jacques Bénigne Bossuet of Condon	9/21/1670
242. Bp. Jacques de Goyon de Martingnon of Condon	4/16/1673
243. Bp. Dominic Marie Varlet of Ascalon [<i>in partibus</i> Bp. of Babylon]	2/19/1719
244. Abp. Petrus Johannes Meindaerts of Utrecht	10/17/1739
245. Bp. Johannes van Stiphout of Haarlem	7/11/1745
246. Abp. Gaulterius M. van Niewenhuizen	

of Utrecht	2/7/1768
247. Bp. Adrian J. Brockman of Haarlem	6/21/1778
248. Abp. Johannes Jakobus van Rhijn of Utrecht	7/15/1797
249. Bp. Gilbertus de Jong of Deventer	11/7/1805
250. Abp. Willibrordus van Os of Utrecht	4/24/1814
251. Bp. Johannes Bon of Haarlem	4/22/1819
252. Abp. Johannes van Santen of Utrecht	6/14/1825
253. Bp. Hermanus Heykamp of Deventer	7/17/1854
254. Bp. Gaspard Johannes Rinkel of Deventer	8/11/1873
255. Abp. Gerardus Gul of Utrecht	5/11/1892
256. Abp. Arnold Harris Mathew for Great Britain	4/28/1908
257. Bp. Rudolph Francis Edward St. Patrick Alphonsus Ghislain de Gramont Hamilton de Lorraine-Brabant, Prince de Landas Berghes et de Rache, Duc de St. Winock	6/19/1913
258. Abp. Carmel Henry Carfora	10/4/1916
259. Abp. Richard Arthur Marchenna	4/16/1941
260. Bp. Julius H. Massey	1963 ²

261. Bp. Burnice Hoyle Webster (134 of the Antiochian-Syrian [Malabar]-Jacobite Succession) 1965³
262. Bp. Huron Clay Manning, Jr. (135 of the Antiochian-Syrian [Malabar]-Jacobite Succession) 8/10/1983
263. Bp. Jean Pierre Meshew d. 2009 (?) (136 of the Antiochian-Syrian [Malabar]-Jacobite Succession) 1991
264. The Most Rev. Walter Andrew Gerth, 5/26/1920-6/12/2010. (Bishop Ordinary of The Anglican Diocese of Texas) (137 of the Antiochian-Syrian[Malabar]-Jacobite Succession and 8 of the See of Utrecht II Succession). Co-consecrators: Bp. Jean Pierre Meshew, Bp. William H. Corley, and Abp. John Peter Walzer of the Archdiocese of St. Mary of the Old Catholic Church, Bp. for the Diocese of Connecticut. Chief consecrator of 1/5/1992⁴
265. The Rt. Rev'd John McClellan Marshall, OSL 10/9/1943- . Consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of The Anglican Diocese of Texas, May 22, 2010 (138 of the Antiochian-Syrian[Malabar]-Jacobite Succession and 9 of the See of Utrecht II Succession). Presiding Bishop: The Most Rev'd Walter Andrew Gerth, I Bishop Ordinary of The Anglican Diocese of Texas. Co-consecrators: The Most Rev'd John Peter Walzer, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Mary and The Most
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266. The Rt. Rev'd Alan Lee Black. 3/1/1961- . Consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Anglican Diocese of Texas, January 27, 2018 (139 of the [Antiochian-Syrian\[Malabar\]-Jacobite Succession](#) and 10 of the See of Utrecht II Succession). Presiding Bishop: The Most Rev'd John McClellan Marshall, OSL, *II* Bishop Ordinary of The Anglican Diocese of Texas and Archbishop and Vicar General of The Catholic Charismatic Church. Co-consecrators: The Rt. Rev'd George William Conner, Bishop Ordinary of The Anglican Episcopal Church and The Most Rev'd Dwight David Irons, Bishop of The South of The Catholic Charismatic Church. 1/27/2018

OLD CATHOLIC [See of Utrecht II] SUCCESSION

BISHOPS	YEAR OF CONSECRATION
1. Abp. Arnold Harris Mathew [256 of the See of Utrecht I Succession]	4/28/1908
2. Bp. Frederick Samuel Willoughby [Old Catholic Bishop for Britain]	10/28/1914
3. Bp. James Bartholomew Banks of Windsor (Mar James I, Patriarch of the Old	

- Catholic Orthodox Church) 7/9/1922
4. Bp. Matthew Cooper of Greenwich 1924
 5. Abp. Charles Brearly of Danum (Bp. of Yorkshire) 1/31/1954
 6. Abp. André Barbeau of Quebec 5/14/1968
 7. Abp. John Peter Walzer (Archdiocese of St. Mary; Bp. for Diocese of Connecticut) [co-consecrator of] 4/21/1990
 8. The Most Rev. Walter Andrew Gerth, 5/26/1920-6/12/2010. (*I* Bishop Ordinary, Anglican Diocese of Texas) [264 of the Roman and See of Utrecht I Succession and 137 of the Antiochian-Syrian [Malabar]-Jacobite Succession], Presiding Bishop and Chief Consecrator of 1/5/1992
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ANTIOCHIAN-SYRIAN[MALABAR]-JACOBITE SUCCESSION

PATRIARCHS and Bishops

YEAR OF CONSECRATION

1. St. Peter [I] the Apostle	38
2. Evodius, 2d Bishop of Antioch	44
3. St. Ignatius [I] of Antioch-Martyr	68
4. St. Earon [Aaron]	107
5. Cornelius	137
6. Eodos [Eados]	142
7. Theophilus	157
8. Maximinus	171
9. Seraphim	179
10. Asclepiades [Astlediaes]-Martyr	189
11. Philip	210
12. Sebinus [Zebinus]	219
13. Babylos-Martyr	237
14. Fabius	250
15. Demetrius	251
16. Paul [I]	259
17. Domnus [I]	270
18. Timotheus	281

19. Cyrilus	291
20. Tyrantus	296
21. Vitalius	301
22. Philognius	318
23. Eustachius	323
24. Paulinius	338
25. Philabianus	383
26. Evagrius	386
27. Phosphorius	416
28. Alexander	418
29. John [I]	429
30. Theodotus	431
31. Domnus II	442
32. Maximus	450
33. Accacius	454
34. Martyrius	457
35. Peter II	464
36. Philadius	500
37. Severius the Great	509
38. Sergius	544
39. Domnus III	547
40. Anastasius	560
41. Gregory [I]	564
42. Paul II	567
43. Patra	571
44. Domnus IV	586
45. Julianus [I]	591
46. St. Athanasius [I]	595
47. John II	636
48. Theodorus [I]	649
49. Severus	668
50. Athanasius II	684
51. Julianus II	687
52. Elias [I]	709
53. Athanasius III	724
54. Evanius [I]	740
55. Gervasius [I]	759

56. Joseph	790
57. Cyriacus	793
58. Dionysius [I]	818
59. John III	847
60. Ignatius II	877
61. Theodosius	887
62. Dionysius II	897
63. John IV	910
64. Basilus [I]	922
65. John V	936
66. Evanius II	954
67. Dionysius III	958
68. Abraham [I]	962
69. John VI	965
70. Athanasius IV	987
71. John VII	1004
72. Dionysius IV	1032
73. Theodorus II	1042
74. Athanasius V	1058
75. John VIII	1064
76. Basilus II	1074
77. Abdoone	1076
78. Dionysius V	1077
79. Evanius III	1080
80. Dionysius VI	1088
81. Athanasius VI	1091
82. John IX	1131
83. Athanasius VII	1139
84. Michael [I] the Great	1167
85. Athanasius VIII	1200
86. Michael II	1207
87. John X	1208
88. Ignatius III	1223
89. Dionysius VII	1253
90. John XI	1253
91. Ignatius IV	1264
92. Philanus	1283

93. Ignatius Baruhid	1293
94. Ignatius Isamael	1333
95. Ignatius Basilius III	1366
96. Ignatius Abraham II	1382
97. Ignatius Basilius IV	1412
98. Ignatius Bahanam [I]	1415
99. Ignatius Kalejih	1455
100. Ignatius John XII	1483
101. Ignatius Noah	1492
102. Ignatius Jesus [I]	1509
103. Ignatius Jacob [I]	1510
104. Ignatius David [I]	1519
105. Ignatius Abdullah [I]	1520
106. Ignatius Naamathalak	1557
107. Ignatius David II	1577
108. Ignatius Philathus	1591
109. Ignatius Abdullah II	1597
110. Ignatius Cadhai	1598
111. Ignatius Simeon	1640
112. Ignatius Jesus II	1661
113. Ignatius Messiah	1661
114. Ignatius Cabeeb	1686
115. Ignatius Gervasius II	1687
116. Ignatius Isaac	1708
117. Ignatius Siccarablak	1722
118. Ignatius Gervasius III	1746
119. Ignatius Gervasius IV	1768
120. Ignatius Mathias	1781
121. Ignatius Bahanam II	1810
122. Ignatius Jonas	1817
123. Ignatius Gervasius V	1818
124. Ignatius Elias II	1839
125. Ignatius Jacob II	1847
126. Ignatius Peter III (Boutros Ibn Salmo Mesko)	1872
127. Bp. Ignatius Paul Athanasius (Kadril Kooran)	12/4/1876

128. Abp. Ignatius Julius [I] (Antonio Francisco Xavier Alvarez) of Ceylon
 [co-consecrators: Abp. George Gregorius Abp. Paul Evianus, and Joseph Pulikottil, Mar Dionysios V, Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church] 7/29/1889⁵
129. Abp. Ignatius Timotheus (Joseph René Vilatte), as Abp. of the Jacobite Old Catholic Church of America [co-consecrators: Syrian Metropolitan Abp. Athanasius of Kottayan and Bp. Georgius of Niranam] 5/29/1892
130. Bp. Paolo Miraglia Gullotti (consecrated as Bishop of Piacenza in the Old Catholic Church of America) 6/6/1900
131. Abp. Carmel Henry Carfora (later Abp. and Primate of North American Old Roman Catholic Church) [later consecrated *sub conditione* by Roman and See of Utrecht I 257. Bp. Rudolph Francis Edward St. Patrick Alphonsus Ghislain de Gramont Hamilton de Lorraine-Brabant, Prince de Landas Berghes et de Rache, Duc de St. Winock - 10/4/1916] 6/16/1911
132. Abp. Francis Xavier Resch [ordained to the Priesthood by Bp. Rual Francis Cope, Old Catholic Church of America, 3/5/1939] 12/8/1940
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133. Abp. Walter Xavier Brown [ordained to the Priesthood by Abp. Richard Arthur Marchenna (259 of the Roman and See of Utrecht I Succession), 8/21/1961] 8/25/1963
134. Bp. Burnice Hoyle Webster (261 of the Roman and See of Utrecht I Succession) [*sub conditione*] 1965
135. Bp. Huron Clay Manning, Jr. (262 of the Roman and See of Utrecht I Succession) 8/10/1983
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¹The list of Bishops of Rome (Popes) does not include those considered antipopes, according to the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*. As a result, there may be some numbers that are missing in the sequence.

²Bp. Julius H. Massey was consecrated by Bp. Denver Scott Swain in 1945 in Plainfield, Ill. Later, he was consecrated *sub conditione* by Abp. Richard Arthur Marchenna, assisted by Abp. Hubert Augustine Rogers of the North American Old Roman Catholic Church. Abp. Rogers had been consecrated *sub conditione* by Bp. William E. J. Robertson [Varlet Succession] by Abp. Carmel Henry Carfora [258 of the See of Utrecht I Succession and 131 of the Antiochian-Syrian [Malabar]-Jacobite Succession].

³Bishops Webster, Manning, Meshew, and Gerth were originally consecrated in the Southern Episcopal Church. Bp. Webster served as Presiding Bishop until his death, and he was succeeded by Bp. Manning who became Presiding Bishop in

1990. Bishop Meshew is deceased [as of 2009]. Bishop Gerth was originally ordained to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church of the USA by The Rt. Rev. William R. Moody, Bishop of Lexington (KY) and served as the Bishop Ordinary of The Anglican Diocese of Texas from his consecration in 1991 until his death June 12, 2010.

⁴As the rubrics prescribe in the Anglican Ordinal in accordance with established tradition, there is a requirement that the consecration of a bishop be performed by no less than three bishops. Because all three bishops impose hands on the bishop-elect (the matter of the sacrament) and recite the form of consecration, Pope Pius XII (*Episcopalis consecrationis*, Nov. 30, 1944) affirms this view and insists that they are to be referred to as co-consecrators. As this was already obvious, all three concur in the consecration (where only one would suffice for validity), and, therefore, even in the unimaginable case where two of the three bishops would lack the necessary intention, the remaining bishop would still validly consecrate the bishop-elect.

⁵Giovanni Cardinal Mercati, Archivist of the Vatican Library (1936-57), on July 21, 1952, wrote to His Excellency Bishop Ireney as follows:

"You have inquired of me as to the status of Msgr. Francis Alvarez, Msgr. Rene Vilatte, and Msgr. Miraglia Gullotti. All three of these consecrations are valid. Bishop Vilatte was consecrated by three bishops of the Syrian-Jacobite Church of Malabar."

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