

(This diagram, prepared by E.P. Wixted, accompanied the article A CAMEO OF HISTORY published in The Clarion, July 30, 1954.)

The Credentials of the Roman Church

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 A CAMEO OF HISTORY.

COLUMNS 4-8: 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. "G" indicates — "Wrote in Greek" (used column 4 only).

Roman Emperors (Column 1)	Bishops of Rome (Column 2)	Cols. In R.C. Enc. (3)	Fathers and Scholars of the Church				
			Western (Latin)			Eastern (Greek)	
			Rome (4)	Others (5)	Carthage (6)	Alexandria (7)	Other (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)	1/3 1 1/2				Greek Apologists: Papias, Tatian, Polycarp, Aristides, Athenagoras, Theophilus, Quadratus.	
HADRIAN (117-138)	TELESPHORUS (125-136)	1/3					
ANTONINUS PIUS (138-161)	HYGINUS (138-142) PIUS I (140-154) ANICETUS (157-167)	1/3 1 1/2	Hermas (5) (G)				
M. AURELIUS (161-180)	SOTER (167-175)	Agg. 1/2		IRENAEUS of Lyons (2) (Greek-trained bishop)			Justin Martyr (10 1/3) HEGESIPPUS (1 2/3rds)
COMMODUS (180-193)	ELEUTHERIUS (175-189)	2					
PERTINAX (193) DIDIUS (193) NIGER (193)	VICTOR I (189-198)	2 2/3			TERTULLIAN (9) "Father of Latin theology"	Pantaenus (2) Clement (5)	DIONYSIUS of Corinth (1)

SEPTIMUS SEVERUS (193-211)	ZEPHYRINUS (198-217)	2	HIPPOLYTUS (4) (G) Anti-Pope			
GETA (211) CARACALLA (211-217)			Caius (½) (G)			ORIGEN (11) "Master of the Churches"
MACRINUS (217-218) ELAGABALUS (218-222)	CALLISTUS (217-222)	3			CYPRIAN (12) "Father of the hierarchy"	DIONYSIUS (5) Bishop, second only to Cyprian
ALEXANDER SEVERUS (222-235)	URBAN I (222-230) PONTIAN (230-235) ANTERUS (235)	2 $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{3}$				
MAXIMIN (235-237) GORDIANUS (237-244) PHILIP THE ARAB (244-249) DECIUS (249-251) GALLUS (251-253) VALERIAN (253-260) GALLIENUS (253-268)	FABIANUS (236-250) CORNELIUS (251-253)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $1\frac{1}{4}$	NOVATIAN (6) Anti-Pope		MINUCIUS FELIX (2½) Translator	
CLAUDIUS AURELIAN (268-270) AURELIAN (270-275)	STEPHEN (254-257) SIXTUS II (257-258) DIONYSIUS (259-268)	1 $1\frac{2}{3}$ 1				GREGORY THAUMATURGUS (3½)
TACITUS (275-276) PROBUS (276-282)	FELIX I (269-274) EUTYCHIAN (275-283)	1 $\frac{1}{3}$				Lucian of Antioch (1)
CARUS (282-284) DIOCLETIAN (284-305) MAXIMIAN (286-305)	CAIUS (283-296) MARCELLINUS (296-304) — Vacancy — MARCELLUS (309)	Agg. $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $1\frac{2}{3}$			LACTANTIUS (1½) Orator	----- EUSEBIUS of Caesarea (9) Historian -----
						ARIUS (1) "heresy"
						Eusebius of Nicomedia (5)

CONSTANTINE (306-337)	EUSEBIUS (309)	1					
	MELCHIADES (311-314)	1 $\frac{1}{3}$			HILARY of Poitiers (1 $\frac{1}{2}$) (Bible commentary. Theologian)		ATHANASIUS (10 $\frac{1}{2}$) "Father of the Christian creed"
CONSTANTIUS II (337-361)	SYLVESTER I (314-335)	1					
	MARCUS (336)	—					CYRIL of Jerusalem (3)
JULIAN (361-363)	JULIUS I (337-352)	2				GREGORY of Nazianzus (8)
JOVIAN (363)	LIBERIUS (352-366)	11			MARTIN of Tours (2) (Monasticism)		BASIL (6)
VALENTINIAN { (364-375)	FELIX II (Anti-Pope)	1				GREGORY of Nyssa (3)
VALENS { (364-378)	DAMASUS (366-384)	2		JEROME (5 $\frac{1}{2}$)		DIDYMUS the Blind (2)	
GRATIAN { (367-383)	URSICINUS (Anti-Pope)	—		Translator			
VALENTINIAN II { (375-392)	SIRICIUS (384-398)	2		"Master of Christian prose"		AUGUSTINE (39)	
	ANASTASIUS I (398-401)	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lines				"Greatest of Western fathers"	
THEODOSIUS I (379-395)	INNOCENT I (401-417)	3					CHRYSTOSTOM (9 $\frac{1}{2}$)
HONORIUS { (395-423)	ZOSIMUS (417-418)	2					
ARCADIUS { (395-408)	BONIFACE I (418-422)	2					
	CELESTINE I (422-432)	2					
VALENTINIAN III { (425-455)	SIXTUS III (432-440)	1 $\frac{1}{3}$					
THEODOSIUS II { (408-450)							
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 "Crux Ansata," and "The History of the World" by W.N. Weech.

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