

APOSTOLIC LINES OF SUCCESSION

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“Have you an apostolic succession? Unfold the line of your bishops.”
Tertullian, 3rd century A.D.

A special visible expression of Apostolic Succession is given in the consecration/ordination of a bishop through the laying on of hands by other bishops who have, themselves, been ordained in the same manner through a succession of bishops leading back to the apostles of Jesus. The role of the bishop must always be understood within the context of the authentic handing on of the faith from one generation to the next generation of the whole Church, beginning with the Christian community of the time of the Apostles. Thus, as the Church is the continuation of the apostolic community, so the bishops are the continuation of the ministry of the college of the apostles of Jesus within that apostolic community. It is essentially collegial rather than monarchical. This tradition is affirmed in the teaching ministry of Church leadership, and authentically celebrated in the sacraments, with particular attention to the sacrament of holy orders (ordination) and the laying on of hands. Apostolic Succession is the belief of Catholic Christians that the bishops are successors of the original apostles of Jesus. This is understood as the bishops being ordained into the episcopal collegium or “sacramental order.”

More than ninety percent of Catholic bishops active today trace their episcopal lineage back to one bishop ordained in 1541, Scipione Rebiba. The records and documentation from Rebiba, 1541 to the present, are available for study; however, many of the records and documentation prior to 1541 cannot be located or are incomplete.

Gian Pietro Carafa, (later elected as Paul IV) Roman Catholic Bishop of Chieti,
in 1555 consecrated Scipione Rebiba.

Scipione Rebiba, Roman Catholic Bishop of Pisa,
in 1566 consecrated Giulio Antonio Santori.

Giulio Antonio Santori, Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Severina,
in 1568 consecrated Girolamo Bernerio, O.P.

Girolamo Bernerio, O.P., Roman Catholic Bishop of Ascoli Piceno,
in 1604 consecrated Galeazzo Sanvitale.

Galeazzo Sanvitale, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bari,
in 1621 consecrated Ludovico Ludovisi.

Ludovico Ludovisi, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bologna,
in 1622 consecrated Luigi Caetani.

Luigi Caetani, Roman Catholic Bishop of Capua,
in 1630 consecrated Giovanni Battista Scannaroli.

Giovanni Battista Scannaroli, Roman Catholic Titular Bishop of Sidon,
in 1655 consecrated Antonio Barberini.

Antonio Barberini, Roman Catholic Bishop of Frascati,
in 1668 consecrated Charles Maurice LeTellier, S.J.

Charles Maurice LeTellier, S.J., Roman Catholic Bishop of Rheims,
in 1670 consecrated Jacques Benigne Boussuet.

Jacques Benigne Boussuet, Roman Catholic Bishop of Meaux,
in 1693 consecrated Jacques Goyon DeMatignon.

Jacques Goyon DeMatignon, Roman Catholic Bishop,
in 1719 consecrated Dominique Marie Varlet.

Dominique Marie Varlet, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ascalon,
in 1739 consecrated Petrus Johannes Meindaerts.

Petrus Johannes Meindaerts, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,
in 1745 consecrated Johannes van Stiphout.

Johannes van Stiphout, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,
in 1768 consecrated Gualterus Michael van Niewenhuizen.

Gualterus Michael van Niewenhuizen, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,
in 1778 consecrated Adrian Johannes Broekman.

Adrian Johannes Broekman, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,
in 1797 consecrated Johannes Jacobus van Rhijn.

Johannes Jacobus van Rhijn, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,
in 1805 consecrated Gilbert Cornelius de Jong.

Gilbert Cornelius de Jong, Old Catholic Bishop of Deventer,
in 1814 consecrated Willibord van Os.

Willibord van Os, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,
in 1819 consecrated Johannes Bon.

Johannes Bon, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,
in 1824 consecrated Johannes van Santen.

Johannes van Santen, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,
in 1854 consecrated Hermann Johannes Heykamp.

Hermann Johannes Heykamp, Old Catholic Bishop of Deventer,
in 1873 consecrated Casparus Johannes Rinkel.

Casparus Johannes Rinkel, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,
in 1892 consecrated Gerard Gul.

Gerard Gul, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,
in 1908 consecrated Arnold Harris Mathew.

Arnold Harris Mathew, Old Catholic Bishop of Great Britain,
in 1913 consecrated Rudolphe Francois Edouard Hamilton.

Rudolphe Francois Edouard Hamilton, Old Catholic Bishop
in 1916 consecrated Henry Carmel Carfora.

Henry Carmel Carfora, Old Catholic Bishop for America,
in 1926 consecrated Jose Macario Lopez y Valdes.

Jose Macario Lopez y Valdes, Bishop of the Mexican National Catholic Church,
in 1930 consecrated Alberto Luis Rodriguez y Durand.

Alberto Luis Rodriguez y Durand, Bishop of Mexican National Catholic Church,
in 1955 consecrated Emile Federico Rodriguez y Fairfield.

Emile Federico Rodriguez y Fairfield, Bishop of the Mexican National Catholic Church,
in 1983 consecrated Patrick Joseph Callahan.

Patrick Joseph Callahan, Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of California,
in 1985 consecrated R. Augustin Sicard.

R. Augustin Sicard, Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of the Americas,
in 1995 consecrated C. Daniel Gincig.

C. Daniel Gincig, Bishop of the American Old Catholic Church of Colorado,
in 1996 consecrated Peter Elder Hickman.

Peter Elder Hickman, Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion,
with co-consecrators: Richard Kent Hollingsworth, Ecumenical Catholic Communion
and James J. Baliya, White Robed Monks of Saint Benedict,
in 2011 consecrated Steven Michael Roszczewski.

Through Co-Consecrator, Richard Kent Hollingsworth:
*With various other lineage through Ancient British Church, the Free Protestant Episcopal Church,
the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Apostolic Episcopal Church, and the Protestant Episcopal Church*

Joseph Rene Vilatte, episcopus vagans,
in 1918 consecrated Victor J. Alexander de Kubinyi.

Henry Carmel Carfora, Old Catholic Bishop for America,
in 1925 consecrated Victor J. Alexander de Kubinyi.

Victor J. Alexander de Kubinyi.
in 1934, co-consecrated Charles William Keller.

Charles William Keller, Apostolic Episcopal Church,
in 1945 consecrated Hugh George de Willmott Newman.

Hugh George de Willmott Newman, Catholic Apostolic Church and Catholicate of the West,
in 1956 consecrated Charles Dennis Boltwood.

Charles Dennis Boltwood, Free Protestant Episcopal Church,
in 1966 consecrated Albert J. Fuge, Sr.

Albert J. Fuge, Sr., Free Protestant Episcopal Church,
in 1972 consecrated John Lawrence Brown.

John Lawrence Brown, Free Protestant Episcopal Church,
in 1975 consecrated Donald Lawrence Jolly-Gabriel.

Donald Lawrence Jolly-Gabriel, Independent Catholic Church International,
in 1991 consecrated Mark Steven (Shirey) Shirilau.

Mark Steven (Shirey) Shirilau, Ecumenical Catholic Church,
with co-consecrators: William Maurice Clyma III and John Edward Voyles,
in 2004 consecrated Richard Kent Hollingsworth
for the Ecumenical Anglican Church.

Through Co-Consecrator, James J. Balija:

Henry Carmel Carfora, Old Catholic Bishop for America,
in 1924 consecrated Edwin W. Hunter.

Edwin W. Hunter, North American Old Roman Catholic Church,
in 1946 consecrated Wallace David de Ortega Maxey.

Wallace David de Ortega Maxey, Apostolic Episcopal Church,
in 1957 consecrated Herman Adrian Spruit.

Herman Adrian Spruit, Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch,
in 1975 consecrated Lewis Keizer.

Lewis Keizer, Home Temple,
in 1986 consecrated Carlos Florido.

Carlos Florido, Orthodox Catholic Church,
in 1991 consecrated Robert M. Dittler.

Robert M. Dittler, White Robed Monks of St. Benedict
in 2005 consecrated James J. Balija
for the White Robed Monks of St. Benedict.