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The Papal Schism: A House Divided

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Order	Name	Pontificate	Anti-pope
1	St. Peter	c. 64	
2	St. Linus		
3	St. Anacletus		
4	St. Clement I	c. 96	
5	St. Evaristus		
6	St. Alexander I		
7	St. Sixtus I	c. 116 - c. 125	
8	St. Telephorus	c. 125 - c. 136	
9	St. Hyginus	c. 138 - c. 142	
10	St. Pius I	c. 142 - c. 155	
11	St. Anicetus	c. 155 - c. 166	
12	St. Soter	c. 166 - c. 174	
13	St. Eleutherius	c. 175 - c. 189	
14	St. Victor	c. 189 - c. 199	
15	St. Zephyrinus	c. 199 - c. 217	
16	St. Callixtus I	c. 217 - 222	St. Hippolytus (217 - c. 235)
17	St. Urban I	c. 222 - 230	↓
18	St. Pontian	21 Jul 230 - 28 Sep 235	↓
19	St. Anterus	21 Nov 235 - 3 Jan 236	
20	St. Fabian	10 Jan 236 - 20 Jan 250	
21	St. Cornelius	Mar 251 - Jun 253	Novatian (Mar 251 - 258)
22	St. Lucius I	25 Jun 253 - 5 Mar 254	↓
23	St. Stephen I	12 May 254 - 2 Aug 257	↓
24	St. Sixtus II	Aug 257 - 6 Aug 258	↓
25	St. Dionysius	22 Jul 260 - 26 Dec 268	
26	St. Felix I	3 Jan 269 - 30 Dec 274	
27	St. Eutychian	4 Jan 275 - 7 Dec 283	
28	St. Gaius (Caius)	17 Dec 283 - 22 Apr 296	
29	St. Marcellinus	30 Jun 296 - ?	
30	St. Marcellus I	c. 308 - 309	
31	St. Eusebius	18 Apr 310 - 21 Oct 310	
32	St. Miltiades	2 Jul 311 - 10 Jan 314	
33	St. Sylvester I	31 Jan 314 - 31 Dec 335	
34	St. Mark	18 Jan 336 - 7 Oct 336	
35	St. Julius I	6 Feb 337 - 12 Apr 352	
36	Liberius	17 May 352 - 24 Sep 366	Felix II (355 - 365)
37	St. Damasus I	1 Oct 366 - 11 Dec 284	Ursinus (366 - 367; d. 385)
38	St. Siricius	17 Dec 384 - 26 Nov 399	
39	St. Anastasius I	27 Nov 399 - 19 Dec 401	
40	St. Innocent I	21 Dec 401 - 12 Mar 417	
41	St. Zosimus	18 Mar 417 - 26 Dec 418	Eulalius (418; d. 423)
42	St. Boniface I	28 Dec 418 - 4 Sep 422	
43	St. Celestine I	10 Sep 422 - 27 Jul 432	
44	St. Sixtus III	31 Jul 432 - 19 Aug 440	
45	St. Leo I (the Great)	29 Sep 440 - 10 Nov 461	
46	St. Hilarus (Hilary)	19 Nov 461 - 29 Feb 468	
47	St. Simplicius	3 Mar 468 - 10 Mar 483	
48	St. Felix III (II)	13 Mar 483 - 1 Mar 492	
49	St. Gelasius I	1 Mar 492 - 21 Nov 496	
50	Anastasius II	24 Nov 496 - 19 Nov 498	

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51	St. Symmachus	22 Nov 498 - 19 Jul 514	Laurence (498 - 499; 501 - 506)
52	St. Hormisdas	20 Jul 514 - 6 Aug 523	
53	St. John I	13 Aug 523 - 18 May 526	Dioscorus (530)
54	St. Felix IV (III)	12 July 526 - 22 Sep 530	
55	Boniface II	22 Sep 530 - 17 Oct 532	
56	John II (Mercury)	2 Jan 533 - 8 May 535	
57	St. Agapitus I	13 May 535 - 22 Apr 536	
58	St. Silverius	8 Jun 536 - 11 Nov 537	
59	Vigilius	29 Mar 537 - 7 Jun 555	
60	Pelagius I	16 Apr 556 - 3 Mar 561	
61	John III	17 Jul 561 - 13 Jul 574	
62	Benedict I	2 Jun 575 - 30 Jul 579	
63	Pelagius II	26 Nov 579 - 7 Feb 590	
64	St. Gregory I (the Great)	3 Sep 590 - 12 Mar 604	
65	St. Sabinian	13 Sep 604 - 22 Feb 606	
66	Boniface III	19 Feb 607 - 12 Nov 607	
67	St. Boniface IV	15 Sep 608 - 8 May 615	
68	St. Adeodatus I	19 Oct 615 - 8 Nov 618	
69	Boniface V	23 Dec 619 - 25 Oct 625	
70	Honorius I	27 Oct 625 - 12 Oct 638	
71	Severinus	28 May 640 - 2 Aug 640	
72	John IV	24 Dec 640 - 12 Oct 642	
73	Theodore I	24 Nov 642 - 14 May 649	
74	St. Martin I	5 Jul 649 - 17 Jun 653	
75	St. Eugenius I	10 Aug 654 - 2 Jun 657	
76	St. Vitalian	30 Jul 657 - 27 Jan 672	
77	Adeodatus II	11 Apr 672 - 17 Jun 676	
78	Donus	2 Nov 676 - 11 Apr 678	
79	St. Agatho	27 Jun 678 - 10 Jan 681	
80	St. Leo II	17 Aug 682 - 3 Jul 683	
81	St. Benedict II	26 Jun 684 - 8 May 685	
82	John V	23 Jul 685 - 2 Aug 686	
83	Conon	21 Oct 686 - 21 Sep 687	Theodore (687) Paschal (687)
84	St. Sergius I	15 Dec 687 - 9 Sep 701	
85	John VI	30 Oct 701 - 11 Jan 705	
86	John VII	1 Mar 705 - 18 Oct 707	
87	Sisinnius	15 Jan 708 - 8 Feb 708	
88	Constantine I	25 Mar 708 - 9 Apr 715	
89	St. Gregory II	19 May 715 - 11 Feb 731	
90	St. Gregory III	18 Mar 731 - 28 Nov 741	
91	St. Zacharias	3 Dec 741 - 15 Mar 752	
92	Stephen II (III)	26 Mar 752 - 26 Apr 757	
93	St. Paul I	29 May 757 - 28 Jun 767	
94	Stephen III (IV)	7 Aug 768 - 24 Jan 772	
95	Hadrian I	1 Feb 772 - 25 Dec 795	
96	St. Leo III	27 Dec 795 - 12 Jun 816	
97	Stephen IV (V)	22 Jun 816 - 24 Jan 817	
98	St. Paschal I	24 Jan 817 - 11 Feb 824	

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Order	Name	Pontificate	Anti-pope
99	Eugenius II	5/6 Jun 824 - 27 Aug 827	John (844)
100	Valentine	Aug 827 - Sep 827	
101	Gregory IV	end of 827 - 25 Jan 844	
102	Sergius II	Jan 844 - 27 Jan 847	
103	St. Leo IV	10 Apr 847 - 17 Jul 855	
104	Benedict III	29 Sep 855 - 17 Apr 858	Anastasius Bibliothecarius (855)
105	St. Nicholas (the Great)	24 Apr 858 - 13 Nov 867	
106	Hadrian II	14 Dec 867 - Dec 872	
107	John VIII	14 Dec 872 - 16 Dec 882	
108	Marinus I (Martin II)	16 Dec 882 - 15 May 884	
109	St. Hadrian III	17 May 884 - Sep 885	
110	Stephen V (VI)	Sep 885 - 14 Sep 891	
111	Formosus	6 Oct 891 - 4 Apr 896	
112	Boniface VI	Apr 896	
113	Stephen VI (VII)	May 896 - Aug 897	
114	Romanus	Aug 897 - Nov 897	
115	Theodore II	Nov/Dec 897	
116	John IX	Jan 898 - Jan 900	
117	Benedict IV	May/Jun 900 - Jul/Aug 903	
118	Leo V	Jul/Aug 903 - Sep 903	Christopher (903 - 904)
119	Sergius III	29 Jan 904 - 14 Apr 911	
120	Anastasius III	Apr/Jun 911 - Jul/Aug 913	
121	Lando	Aug 913 - Mar 914	
122	John X	Mar/Apr 914 - May 928; deposed, murdered 929	
123	Leo VI	May 928 - Dec 928	
124	Stephen VII (VIII)	Dec 928 - Feb 931	
125	John XI	Feb/Mar 931 - Dec/Jan 935/6	
126	Leo VII	Jan 936 - 13 Jul 939	
127	Stephen VIII (IX)	14 Jul 939 - Oct 942	
128	Marinus II (Martin III)	Oct 942 - May 946	Boniface VII (Jun 974 - Jul 974)
129	Agapitus II	10 May 946 - Dec 955	
130	John XII	16 Dec 955 - 14 May 964	
131	Leo VIII	4 Dec 963 - 1 Mar 965	
132	Benedict V	22 May 964 - 23 Jun 964	
133	John XIII	1 Oct 965 - 6 Sep 972	
134	Benedict VI	19 Jan 973 - Jul 974	
135	Benedict VII	Oct 974 - 10 Jul 983	
136	John XIV	Dec 983 - 20 Aug 984	
137	John XV	Aug 985 - Mar 996	Boniface VII (Aug 984 - 20 Jul 985)
138	Gregory V	3 May 996 - 18 Feb 999	John XVI (Feb 997 - May 998)
139	Sylvester II	2 Apr 999 - 12 May 1003	
140	John XVII	16 May 1003 - 6 Nov 1003	Gregory VI (May 1012 - Dec 1012)
141	John XVIII	25 Dec 1003 - Jun/Jul 1009	
142	Sergius IV	31 Jul 1009 - 12 May 1012	
143	Benedict VIII	17 May 1012 - 9 Apr 1024	
144	John XIX	19 Apr 1024 - 20 Oct 1032	

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145	Benedict IX	21 Oct 1032 - Sep 1044	
146	Sylvester III	20 Jan 1045 - 10 Mar 1045	
[147]	Benedict IX	10 Mar 1045 - 1 May 1045	
147	Gregory VI	1 May 1045 - 20 Dec 1046	
148	Clement II	24 Dec 1046 - 9 Oct 1047	
[150]	Benedict IX	8 Nov 1047 - 16 Jul 1048	
149	Damasus II	17 Jul 1048 - 9 Aug 1048	
150	St. Leo IX	12 Feb 1049 - 19 Apr 1054	
151	Victor II	13 Apr 1055 - 28 Jul 1057	
152	Stephen IX (X)	2 Aug 1057 - 29 Mar 1058	Benedict X (1058 - 1059)
153	Nicholas II	6 Dec 1058 - Jul 1061	↓
154	Alexander II	30 Sep 1061 - 21 Apr 1073	Honorius II (1061 - 1064)
155	St. Gregory VII	22 Apr 1073 - 25 May 1085	Clement III (1080, 1084 - 1100)
156	Victor III	24 May 1086; 9 May 1087 - 16 Sep 1087	↓
157	Urban II	12 Mar 1088 - 29 Jul 1099	↓
158	Paschal II	13 Aug 1099 - 21 Jan 1118	↓
			Theoderic (Sep 1100 - Jan 1101)
			Albert (1101/2)
			Sylvester IV (1105 - 1111)
159	Gelasius II	24 Jan 1118 - 29 Jan 1119	Gregory VIII (1118 - 1121)
160	Callixtus II	2 Feb 1119 - 14 Dec 1124	
161	Honorius II	21 Dec 1124 - 13 Feb 1130	Celestine II (1124)
162	Innocent II	14 Feb 1130 - 24 Sep 1143	Anacletus II (1130 - 1138)
			Victor IV (1138)
163	Celestine II	26 Sep 1143 - 8 Mar 1144	
164	Lucius II	12 Mar 1144 - 15 Feb 1145	
165	Eugenius III	15 Feb 1145 - 8 Jul 1153	
166	Anastasius IV	8 Jul 1153 - 3 Dec 1154	
167	Hadrian IV	4 Dec 1154 - 1 Sep 1159	
168	Alexander III	7 Sep 1159 - 30 Aug 1181	Victor IV (1159 - 1164)
			Paschal III (1164 - 1168)
			Callixtus III (1168 - 1178)
			Innocent III (1179 - 1180)
169	Lucius III	1 Sep 1181 - 25 Nov 1185	
170	Urban III	25 Nov 1185 - 20 Oct 1187	
171	Gregory VIII	21 Oct 1187 - 17 Dec 1187	
172	Clement III	19 Dec 1187 - Mar 1191	
173	Celestine III	30 Mar 1191 - 8 Jan 1198	
174	Innocent III	8 Jan 1198 - 16 Jul 1216	
175	Honorius III	18 Jul 1216 - 18 Mar 1227	
176	Gregory IX	19 Mar 1227 - 22 Aug 1241	
177	Celestine IV	25 Oct 1241 - 10 Nov 1241	
178	Innocent IV	25 Jun 1243 - 7 Dec 1254	
179	Alexander IV	12 Dec 1254 - 25 May 1261	
180	Urban IV	29 Aug 1261 - 2 Oct 1264	
181	Clement IV	5 Feb 1265 - 29 Nov 1268	
182	Gregory X	1 Sep 1271 - 10 Jan 1276	
183	Innocent V	21 Jan 1276 - 22 Jun 1276	
184	Hadrian V	11 Jul - 1276 - 18 Aug 1276	

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185	John XXI	8 Sep 1276 - 20 May 1277	
186	Nicholas III	25 Nov 1277 - 22 Aug 1280	
187	Martin IV	22 Feb 1281 - 28 Mar 1285	
188	Honorius IV	2 Apr 1285 - 3 Apr 1287	
189	Nicholas IV	22 Feb 1288 - 4 Apr 1292	
190	St. Celestine V	5 Jul 1294 - 13 Dec 1294	
191	Boniface VIII	24 Dec 1294 - 11 Oct 1303	
192	Benedict XI	22 Oct 1303 - 7 Jul 1304	
193	Clement V	5 Jun 1305 - 20 Apr 1314	
194	John XXII	7 Aug 1316 - 4 Dec 1334	
195	Benedict XII	20 Dec 1334 - 25 Apr 1342	Nicholas (V) (1328 - 1330)
196	Clement VI	7 May 1342 - 6 Dec 1352	
197	Innocent VI	18 Dec 1352 - 12 Sep 1362	
198	Urban V	28 Sep 1362 - 19 Dec 1370	
199	Gregory XI	30 Dec 1370 - 27 Mar 1378	
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200	Urban VI	8 Apr 1378 - 15 Oct 1389	Clement VII (1378 - 1394), Avignonese obedience
201	Boniface IX	2 Nov 1389 - 1 Oct 1404	↓ Benedict XIII (28 Sep 1394 - 26 Jul 1417), Avignonese obedience
202	Innocent VII	17 Oct 1404 - 6 Nov 1406	↓
203	Gregory XII	30 Nov 1406 - 4 Jun 1415	↓ Alexander V (1409 - 1410), ↓ Pisan obedience ↓ John XXIII (1410 - 1415), Pisan ↓ obedience
204	Martin V	11 Nov 1417 - 20 Feb 1431	
205	Eugenius IV	3 Mar 1431 - 23 Feb 1447	
206	Nicholas V	6 Mar 1447 - 24 Mar 1455	
207	Callixtus III	8 Apr 1455 - 6 Aug 1458	
208	Pius II	19 Aug 1458 - 15 Aug 1464	
209	Paul II	30 Aug 1464 - 26 Jul 1471	
210	Sixtus IV	9 Aug 1471 - 12 Aug 1484	
211	Innocent VIII	29 Aug 1484 - 25 Jul 1492	
212	Alexander VI	11 Aug 1492 - 18 Aug 1503	
213	Pius III	22 Sep 1503 - 18 Oct 1503	
214	Julius II	1 Nov 1503 - 21 Feb 1513	
215	Leo X	11 Mar 1513 - 1 Dec 1521	
216	Hadrian VI	9 Jan 1522 - 14 Sep 1523	
217	Clement VII	18 Nov 1523 - 25 Sep 1534	
218	Paul III	13 Oct 1534 - 10 Nov 1549	
219	Julius III	8 Feb 1550 - 23 Mar 1555	
220	Marcellus II	9 Apr 1555 - 1 May 1555	
221	Paul IV	23 May 1555 - 18 Aug 1559	
222	Pius IV	25 Dec 1559 - 9 Dec 1565	
223	St. Pius V	8 Jan 1566 - 1 May 1572	
224	Gregory XIII	14 May 1572 - 10 Apr 1585	
225	Sixtus V	24 Apr 1585 - 27 Aug 1590	
226	Urban VII	15 - 27 Sep 1590	

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227	Gregory XIV	5 Dec 1590 - 16 Oct 1591	
228	Innocent IX	29 Oct 1591 - 30 Dec 1591	
229	Clement VIII	30 Jan 1592 - 5 Mar 1605	
230	Leo XI	1 - 27 Apr 1605	
231	Paul V	16 May 1605 - 28 Jan 1621	
232	Gregory XV	9 Feb 1621 - 8 Jul 1623	
233	Urban VIII	6 Aug 1623 - 29 Jul 1644	
234	Innocent X	15 Sep 1644 - 1 Jan 1655	
235	Alexander VII	7 Apr 1655 - 22 May 1667	
236	Clement IX	20 Jun 1667 - 9 Dec 1669	
237	Clement X	29 Apr 1670 - 22 Jul 1676	
238	Innocent XI	21 Sep 1676 - 11 Aug 1689	
239	Alexander VIII	6 Oct 1689 - 1 Feb 1691	
240	Innocent XII	12 Jul 1691 - 27 Sep 1700	
241	Clement XI	23 Nov 1700 - 19 Mar 1721	
242	Innocent XIII	8 May 1721 - 7 Mar 1724	
243	Benedict XIII	27 May 1724 - 21 Feb 1730	
244	Clement XII	12 Jul 1730 - 8 Feb 1740	
245	Benedict XIV	17 Aug 1740 - 3 May 1758	
246	Clement XIII	6 Jul 1758 - 2 Feb 1769	
247	Clement XIV	19 May 1769 - 22 Sep 1774	
248	Pius VI	15 Feb 1775 - 29 Aug 1799	
249	Pius VII	14 Mar 1800 - 20 Jul 1823	
250	Leo XII	28 Sep 1823 - 10 Feb 1829	
251	Pius VIII	31 Mar 1829 - 30 Nov 1830	
252	Gregory XVI	2 Feb 1831 - 1 Jun 1846	
253	Pius IX	16 Jun 1846 - 7 Feb 1878	
254	Leo XIII	20 Feb 1878 - 20 Jul 1903	
255	St. Pius X	4 Aug 1903 - 20 Aug 1914	
256	Benedict XV	3 Sep 1914 - 22 Jan 1922	
257	Pius XI	6 Feb 1922 - 10 Feb 1939	
258	Pius XII	2 May 1939 - 9 Oct 1958	
259	St. John XIII	29 Oct 1958 - 3 Jun 1963	
260	St. Paul VI	21 Jun 1963 - 6 Aug 1978	
261	John Paul I	26 Aug 1978 - 28 Sep 1978	
262	St. John Paul II	16 Oct 1978 - 2 Apr 2005	
263	Benedict XVI	19 Apr 2005 - 28 Feb 2013	
264	Francis	13 Mar 2013 - 21 Apr 2025	
265	Leo XIV	8 May 2025 -	

Note: The vast majority of the information in this table comes from Eamon Duffy, *Saints and Sinners: A History of the Popes*, 4th ed. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014), 432-441. The Vatican's official list of the popes counts 267. This list of 265, on the other hand, does not count the 2nd and 3rd terms of Benedict IX. Duffy, with good reason, does not count St. Peter as the first pope.

