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## INTRODUCTION

Dear Reader,

When I after twelve years as Primate of The Apostolic Episcopal Church (The Holy Eastern Catholic and Apostolic Orthodox Church) have learnt that Br. Francis C Spataro was willing to accept succeeding me, I was extremely pleased. 1. We have for many years worked closely together both in the Church and in academic connections, why we have so much in common. 2. Thanks to the fact that I since the beginning of 1970's have served the scattered remnants of The Catholic Apostolic Church ("The Irvingites"), Br. Francis is the only one in the history, not belonging to this communion, who has been consecrated in her international pro-cathedral in London. I am very glad of having been able to offer him this favor as an entry to his Episcopal career. 3. As Br. Francis has accepted being the Primate of The Apostolic Episcopal Church Communion Worldwide from 1 March 1998, the international headquarters have rejoined to the area where the first headquarters were situated: Long Island, NY, USA.

It is owing to unstable health I have resigned. Under these circumstances I have reduced most of my activities to my profession as professor in church history, even retired.

The present material consists of two sections. The first one *The Apostolic Episcopal Church. Past and Present* is a revised review I originally composed as an accompanying letter to my retirement. The second one *The apostolic successions of The Apostolic Episcopal Church* - the main purpose of this document - is an outline I a long time ago have promised Br. Francis. For an exhaustive account on the history of The Apostolic Episcopal Church I refer to my studies *An Apostolic Episcopal Ministry. Archbishop Arthur W Brooks and Christ's Church By-the-Sea. In Memory and Inspiration* and *The Order of Corporate Reunion*.

Recently I have made six important discoveries. 1. The French Lazarists have played an intermediary role for the clandestine consecrations performed by Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma, which serve as background to the growth of The Apostolic Episcopal Church. In this connection I have also found that Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma was acting with his Patriarchal Vicar. 2. Bishop Anthony Joseph Aneed is some time between January and September 1934 also consecrated by Archbishop Sophronios Bishara in New York. 3. Archbishop Leon Checkemian has not, as has been stated, been consecrated a Bishop in The Armenian Catholic Church. 4. Joannes Paulus PP II is consecrated in the succession from Mgr Scipio Cardinal Rebiba (1504-1577). At a personal visit at Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana in October 2003, thanks to helpful officials, I got answer on the long-lived question about the consecration of Pater Rebiba. He was consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of Chieti and Titular Bishop of Amyclae in 1541, March 16, by Mgr Gian Piero [Giovanni Pietro/Joannes Petrus] Cardinal Carafa [Caraffa] (1476-1559), Archbishop of Chieti, well-known as Paulus PP IV (Vicarius Christi 1555-1559) and as the creator of ghettos for Jews and of *Index Librorum Prohibitorum* in 1557. 5. The reason why Bishop John More-Moreno during his later years used Mar Chrysostomos in stead of Chrysostomos as his ecclesiastical name is that he in 1943 was consecrated sub conditione in the Chaldean Catholic Church succession in order to expand his mission. 6. Mar Antoine Lefebüre was honored Titular Bishop of Arzon.

Finally, accept my most cordial greetings from heart to heart with one of my favorite psalms, Psalm 1.

*Bro. Bertil Persson*

**Section I**

**THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Past and Present**

## **THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

### **(HOLY EASTERN CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH)**

The Apostolic Episcopal Church grew out of a missionary movement by some churchmen in The State of New York to provide spiritual ministrations for the scattered adherents of the Near East churches. The movement began in 1922, but it was not until 1924 that a group succeeded in forming The Anglican Universal Church of Christ in the United States of America (Chaldean). Canonical authority for the body came through Mar Antoine (Lefebüre) (1862-1953) in his capacity of special commissary in USA, appointed by Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma (1852-1947), 1900-1947 patriarch of The Chaldean Catholic Church, a uniate eastern-rite church, allied with The Holy See through *Congregatio pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus*. In 1917 the patriarch consecrated Mar Antoine.

Through reception into the Eastern Church by the Titular Archbishop of Iconium and Apostolic Delegate of Canada and The New World (1918), Petro di Maria (1865-1938), and the Titular Archbishop of Tarsus (1924), Alexis Lépicier (1863-1936), both acting on behalf of Sancta Sedes, and consent from the Protestant Episcopal bishop of New York, William Thomas Manning (1866-1949), in 1925, May 4, Mar Antoine, assisted by Mar James (Fernand Portal) and Mar Evodius (Edward Robert Smith), in 1918 and 1922 respectively consecrated by Mar Antoine, consecrated Arthur Wolfort Brooks (1888-1948). He took the ecclesiastical name Mar John Emmanuel. At his own request, in 1926 he left The Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he has been a priest since 1916. In 1927, under leadership of Brooks, The Apostolic-Episcopal Universal Church grew out of The Anglican Universal Church of Christ in the United States of America (Chaldean) and was in 1932 incorporated as The Apostolic Episcopal Church (Holy Eastern Catholic and Apostolic Orthodox Church). In 1929 Brooks was consecrated sub conditione by the former bishop of The Protestant Episcopal Church, William Montgomery Brown (1855-1937), now of The Old Catholic Church in America, and in 1930 consecrated sub conditione by Cornelius Nicholas A Smit, who at that time joined The Apostolic Episcopal Church as a bishop. In 1933, in connection with his appointment as provincial coadjutor of The Order of Corporate Reunion, Brooks was consecrated sub conditione by William Albert Nichols (1877-1947), bishop of The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America (a mission within The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church).

The Apostolic Episcopal Church, with headquarters at Christ's Church By-The-Sea on Long Island, spread in the beginning of 1930's by absorbing other congregations on Long Island, such as The Lord's Evangelical Church under William Henry DuBois, The Visiting Church under Harold F A Jarvis, a congregation under Charles William Keller and a black mission under Cyrus Augustine Starkey [later, 1944-1952 bishop of The African Orthodox Church of New York and Massachussetts, 1952-1960 of The North American Old Roman Catholic Church, 1960-1965 of The American Orthodox Church]. Through Damianos, 1897-1931 patriarch of The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Brooks was authorized to appoint John More-Moreno, archpriest [in 1933 consecrated by archbishop Sophronios Bishara of The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America] of The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America and The Apostolic Episcopal Church, to have charge of some congregations in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Besides The Protestant Episcopal Church and the other previously mentioned churches, Brooks had a

close relationship to many other churches such as The Armenian Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem (through patriarch Yeghishe Tourian), The Ecumenical Patriarchate (through archbishop Damaskinos, personal representative of patriarch Photios II), The Holy Orthodox Church in America ([formerly The Anglican Universal Church of Christ in the United States of America (Chaldean)] through archbishop-primate George Winslow Plummer), The Moravian Church [Unitas Fratrum] (through bishop John Taylor Hamilton), The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Reformed Episcopal Church, The Liberal Catholic Church, and Baptist, Congregational and Presbyterian congregations. In 1934 Brooks consecrated Jarvis and Keller. After receiving advice from archbishop Athenagoras [later, 1948-1972 ecumenical patriarch] of The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, 1941-1944 Brooks was acting as presiding bishop of The Old Catholic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. In 1946 he elevated Wallace de Ortega Maxey (1902-1992), archbishop-primate of The Ancient Christian Fellowship (The Old Catholic Church in America), as archbishop of the new-created Province of the West and to be his successor as archbishop-primate. Later that same year, Brooks consecrated, assisted by Jarvis, Keller and Moreno, Herman Philippus Abbinga (1894-1968), a former priest of The Liberal Catholic Church, as missionary bishop for The Netherlands and The East Indies. In 1952 Abbinga was excommunicated and founded an independent jurisdiction, Oosters Apostolisch Episcopal Kerk. When in 1953 Perry Nikolaus Cedarholm (1890-1979), in 1943 ordained priest by Brooks, since 1944 a canon at Christ's Church By-The-Sea and in 1949 consecrated by Moreno, settled in Sweden, the native country of his parents, he established the archdiocese of Scandinavia.

In 1948 de Ortega Maxey succeeded Brooks as the second primate. In 1986 he enthroned Bertil Persson of Scandinavia as the third primate, in 1971 consecrated by Cedarholm. During 1970's-90's The Apostolic Episcopal Church entered intercommunion with a number of jurisdictions, e.g. The Catholic Apostolic Church [”The Irvingites”] (through rev Norman Priddle, int. hqts., Gordon Square, London, UK), The Methodist Episcopal Church (through bishop Odd Hagen), The Original Unitarian Church [in 1568 founded by bishop Francis Dávid (1520-1579)] (through bishops Joseph Ferencz and Lajos Kovács), The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (through patriarch Moran Mor Ignatius XXXIX Yacoub III and Mor Zakka Iwas [archbishop of Baghdad, from 1980 as Moran Mor Ignatius XL Zakka I Iwas patriarch]), The Ancient Church of the East (through patriarch Maran Mar Adhai II), The Independent African Orthodox Church (through patriarch Moran Mor James II [Daniel James Augustine Kanyiles]), The Holy Orthodox Church in America (through archbishop-primate Theodotus S De Witow), The American Catholic Church (Syro-Antiochean) (through archbishop-primate Herbert T Wilkie), The Old Roman Catholic Church in Italy (through archbishop-primate Viktor I Busà), Patriarcat Orthodoxe de l'Europe Latine (through patriarch Louis J S Canivet), Ordo Mysticus Eremitarum Sancti Augustini (through abbot-general Philippe L De Coster), The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (through archbishop-primate Edgar Ramon Verostek), The American World Patriarchates (through patriarch Uladyslau I [Uladyslau Rzyz-Ryski]), The American Orthodox Catholic Church (through patriarch Christian I [John Arthur Chiasson]), The Church of The Ascension (through archbishop-primate George William Boyer), Eglise de la Nouvelle Alliance (through patriarch Stephanos [Roger Caro]), Patriarcat Copte Orthodoxe d'Alexandrie, Eparchie de France (through Amba Marcos), The Melkite-Greek Catholic Church (through patriarch Maximos V Hakim), Gesellschaft des Guten Hirten (through superior general Victor J J Schoonbroodt), Église Chrétienne Catholique Traditionnelle/The Traditional Christian Catholic Church (through archbishop-primate Thomas Julius Ottó Csernohorszky-Fehérváry [a confirmation of full communion, in 1932 entered through bishop

Victor J Alexander de Kubinyi]), Iglesia Católica Apostólica Mexicana (through archbishop-primate Emile Rodriguez Fairfield), The Celtic Catholic Church (through archbishop-primate Thomas Illtyd Thomas), The Reformed Catholic Church (through archbishop-primate Richard Kenneth Hurgon [a confirmation of full communion, in 1946 entered through archbishop Wallace de Ortega Maxey]), Iglesia Filipina Independiente (through obispo maximo Macario Vilches Ga), Igreja Católica Apostólica Brasileira (through archbishop-primate Luís Castillo Méndez), The Christ Catholic Church of the Americas and Europe (through patriarch Peter II [Peter Andreas Zhurawetsky]), The Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America (through archbishop-exarch Joseph John Skureth), The Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church of North & South America & Europe (through metropolitan-archbishop-primate Philip Lewis), Iglesia Católica Ortodoxa en México (through obispo primado Octavio Correal Salazar).

During 1980's-90's The Apostolic Episcopal Church created a number of dioceses. In 1983 The Apostolic Episcopal Church established a diocese for Continental Europe and a diocese for Polish-speaking people in The British Isles, in 1986 founded The Caribbean Episcopal Church of The British Isles, in 1988 established an European diocese for The Philippines and in 1989 a diocese of Canada, and in 1993 reestablished the diocese of The British Isles and in 1994 the diocese of Java and The Far East. During the same decades missions in Africa and Australia were created and in 1996 The Methodist Renaissance Church of Pakistan was incorporated as a diocese.

Since 1998 Francis Cajetan Spataro, bishop of The Holy Orthodox Church in America and archbishop-metropolitan of North America of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, is the fourth primate. He has continued the ecumenical efforts such as affiliated a number of Continuing Anglican congregations and independent missions, entered full communion with Iglesia Católica Anglicana del Ecuador and incorporated The Anglican Church under the late archbishop Edwin Caudill (1932-1998) with The Apostolic Episcopal Church. Since 1995 he is provincial of North America of The Order of Corporate Reunion and from 1998 archbishop of USA of both The Uniate Western Catholic Church, that is the church side of The Order of Corporate Reunion, and The Universal Christian Communion & The Universal Episcopal Communion. In 1996 he was the co-founder of The Association of Independent Evangelical Lutheran Churches and in 2000-2002 Bishop Visitor, St. Peter & St. Paul Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church, New York. For his work in USA Lutheran Communities, The Wittenberg Lutheran Seminary of Missouri in January 2004 awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity. In 2000, 23-24 September, The Apostolic Episcopal Church signed concordate of intercommunion with the following churches: The Anglican Independent Communion, The Byelorussian Orthodox National Church in Exile, The Ethiopian Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, The Uniate Western Catholic Church.

The Apostolic Episcopal Church is a western-rite extension of The Chaldean Catholic Church, an evangelical-ecumenical-ecclesiastical movement, oriented to New Thought and New Age according to the original understanding of these concepts, and works in the spirit of the declaration of the Assembly of The World Council of Churches in New Delhi 1961. The fundamental apostolic succession is that of The Chaldean Catholic Church. The curious situation is that this uniate church since 1830 represents the apostolic succession from the apostles of Jesus (Matt 10:2-4) Tooma Shlikha (= apostle) and Addai Shlikha [Thaddai, Ehadah Bar Yacoub], founders and leaders of The Ancient Church of the East 33-43 and 43-49 respectively, while her mother church, The Ancient Church of the East, represents the apostolic succession from Chiesa Cattolica in Italia when Julius PP III (Vicarius Christi 1550-1555) in 1553, April 9, consecrated and in 1553, April 28, in Arcibasilica San Giovanni in



Laterano solemnly invested Abouna Sa'ud Bar Daniel (murdered 1555) as Maran Mar Youhannan Shimun VIII Soulaqa, Patriarch of The Chaldean Catholic Church.

The Apostolic Episcopal Church still holds the special mission signed by Brooks:

1. To bring into clearer manifestation the Ancient Fourfold Mission of the Universal Church, viz.:

a) True Apostolicity.

b) True Prophetic Office.

c) Unbiased and unhampered preaching of Christ the Messiah.

d) Demonstrating DIVINE LOVE through true pastoral work.

2. To awaken in the minds and hearts of mankind all over the earth the Blessed Hope of the Return of Jesus the Christ, and to prepare ourselves for His Coming.

3. The awakening in man of his true destiny, that he may once again exercise those charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit, with which the Church was once so generously endowed.

4. To demonstrate before the world the Grace of the Sacramental Life as it can manifest in body, soul and spirit.

5. To revive and practice the Divine Gift of Healing.

6. To act as a center for the reunion of Christendom; especially Eastern and Western Branches of the One Holy Catholic Apostolic and Orthodox Church.

The Apostolic Episcopal Church is maintaining the Bible tradition from The Chaldean Catholic Church by using the English translation by George M Lamsa of The Holy Gospels from P'shitta, *The New Testament According to the Eastern Text*. Aramaic is the native language of Jesus.

The main liturgy of The Apostolic Episcopal Church is *The Divine Liturgy. Holy Eucharist. According to the Order and Usage established in the Apostolic Episcopal Church*, in 1943 published by Brooks. It consists of the Protestant Episcopal Church missal with elements from liturgies used by the Eastern churches.

Membership: Ca 1 million, in North & South America, Africa, Australia, Europe, Pakistan.

**CONSECRATIONS PERFORMED BY ME  
AS ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

<b>Archbishop of Scandinavia 22.07.1977-</b>		<b>Primate 07.11.1986-28.02.1998</b>	
1974, July 29	Daniel Moody (1)	1986, November 8	Paul G W Schultz
1983, May 27	Juliusz N Sokolnicki	1987, June 14	Forest E Barber
1983, May 28	Alan M Bain	1987, December 19	George W Boyer
1983, May 28	George Boyer	1987, December 19	Bertram R Clarke
1984, July 7	Eugene Lynch	1987, December 19	Eugene Lynch
1984, July 7	John Cecil Mascoll	1987, December 19	Bancroft McCarthy
1984, July 7	Bancroft McCarthy	1987, December 19	Kenneth L Rainford
1984, July 7	Rudolf Murray	1987, December 19	Illtyd Thomas
1985, July 27	Illtyd Thomas	1988, September 17	Robert Amadou
1985, December 7	Richard Hurgon	1989, August 5	Karl J Barwin
1985, December 7	Ian Kirk-Stewart	1989, August 13	Charles-Rafaël Payeur
2001, October 21	Peter Paul Brennan		George W Boyer
2004, July 11	Raymond W Copp	1990, October 13	Philip Lewis
2004, July 11	Samuel Guido	1990, October 13	Eugene Lynch
2004, July 11	Tanbinh Nguyen	1990, October 13	Bancroft McCarthy
2008, November 23	Alistair Bate	1990, October 13	Kenneth L Rainford
2008, November 23	John Kersey	1990, October 13	Leif R Robberstad
2008, November 23	Andrew Linley	1991, December 15	John C Simmons
2008, November 23	Charles Mugleston	1992, October 30	Francis C Spataro
		1992, October 31	Donald E Hugh
		1994, June 14	Edmundo Molina
		1994, June 15	Jickain
		1995, June 25	George W Boyer
		1995, June 25	Philippe L DeCoster
		1995, June 25	Philip Lewis
		1995, June 25	Eugene Lynch
		1995, June 25	Hans-Diether Sauerland
	(1) at the commission of Archbishop Cedarholm	1995, June 25	Walter Walgraeve
		1996, June 23	Ian Kirk-Stewart
		1996, June 23	Stuart Lawrence
		1996, June 23	Andrew D F Townend
		1997, July 12	Paget E J Mack

## SPECIAL COMMISSION

1962-	Pastor, Church of Sweden [project commissions]
1965-1971	Pastor, Unitas Fratrum (The Moravian Church), Sweden
1969-	Pastor, Catholic Apostolic Church (“The Irvingites”), Sweden
1974-1987	Pastor, [Original] Unitarian Church, Sweden
1974-1997	Bishop of Scandinavia, Independent African Orthodox Church
1987-	Chaplain of Scandinavia, Patriarchal Order of The Holy Cross of Jerusalem of The Melkite-Greek Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East
1987-1997	Archbishop of Europe, Iglesia Filipina Independiente
1988-1997	Archbishop of Scandinavia, Igreja Católica Apostólica
1989-1997	Metropolitan-Archbishop of Scandinavia, Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America
1990-1997	Bishop of Scandinavia, Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church
1991-	Pontifex of Priory of Germany, Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani
1993-1996	General Superior, Gesellschaft der Guten Hirten/Society of the Good Shepherd
1995-2001	Archbishop-Primate, Universal Christian Communion & Universal Episcopal Communion
1995-2005	Archbishop-Primate, Uniate Western Catholic Church
1998-2005	Universal Primate, Order of Corporate Reunion

**FROM MY RECORDS ON THE CHURCHES AROUND  
BISHARA, BROOKS, MORE-MORENO, NICHOLS, OFIESH,  
PLUMMER, TOOMBS**

**The First Rosicrucian Church of America  
(Ecclesiae Rosicrucianae Catholicae)**

founded 1909 by George W Plummer

joined

**The Anglican Universal Church of Christ  
in the United States of America (Chaldean)**

founded 1924 by Arthur W Brooks

which in 1927 was devided into

**The Anglican Universal Church of Christ  
in the United States of America (Chaldean)**

with Plummer as Archbishop

and

**The Apostolic-Episcopal Universal Church**  
with Brooks as Archbishop

in 1932 incorporated as

**The Apostolic Episcopal Church (The Holy  
Eastern Catholic and Apostolic Orthodox  
Church)**

**The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic  
and Apostolic Church in North America**

founded 2 February 1927

by Aftimios Ofiesh

which 2 November 1933 was devided into

**The Holy Orthodox Church in America  
(Eastern Catholic and Apostolic)**

with William A. Nichols as Bishop

with whom in 1934 Plummer and his  
church joined

and

**The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic  
and Apostolic Church in North America**

with Sophronios Bishara and from 1934

with John More-Moreno as Archbishop

**The Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church**

founded in 1951 by James Toombs as a  
growth of his mission at 221 W 69<sup>th</sup> St, NYC

and the same year affiliated with Moreno but

in June/July 1951 joined **The Russian**

**Orthodox Church Outside Russia**

and the remains of **The Eastern Orthodox  
Catholic Church** and **The Holy Eastern  
Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church**

**in North America** became in 1951

recognized by Moreno with the name **The**

**Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church in**

**America**

## PRIMATES

<b>The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America</b>	
Aftimios Ofiesh	02.02.1927-04.10.1933
Sophronios Bishara	04.10.1933-19.09.1934
John More-Moreno	19.09.1934-12.07.1951
<b>The Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church in America</b>	
James Toombs	14.04.1951-12.07.1951
John More-Moreno	12.07.1951-1958
Robert C Adair	1958-1985
Dismas Markle	1985-
<b>The Holy Orthodox Church in America</b>	
George W Plummer	08.05.1934-23.01.1944
James Toombs	30.01.1944-14.04.1951
Theodotus De Witow	14.04.1951-23.04.1969
Sedes Vacantes	23.04.1969-1976
Damian Stephen Hansen (Bishop Visitor)	1976-1981
Sedes Vacantes	1981-12.12.1993
Aldo Paul Masciana (Bishop Visitor)	12.12.1993-05.05.1995
<b>The Apostolic Episcopal Church</b>	
Arthur W Brooks	19.11.1930-07.07.1948
Wallace de Ortega Maxey	07.07.1948-07.11.1986
(Robert R Ramm	08.08.1976-07.11.1986)
Bertil Persson	07.11.1986-28.02.1998
Francis C Spataro	01.03.1998-

**Section II**

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**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
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FROM  
THE ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (I)**

**Antoniadis [Andon] Yahon (Hierotheos [Jerotheu])**

Metropolitan of Korca, The Albanian Autocephalous Orthodox Church (1923)

Assisted by Metropolitan of Berat Kristofor (Sotirios Kisi), The Albanian Autocephalous Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Hierotheos consecrated 1923, 21 November/4 December

**Theophanes [Fan] Stylian Noli (1882-1965)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church in America (1908, March 8)

Archbishop, The Albanian Orthodox Church in America (1919)

Assisted by Bishop Christopher Contogeorge, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America, Archbishop Noli consecrated 1934, 30 June

**William Henry Francis Brothers (1887-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1911, October 3)

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Church of America (1913, April 20)

Ordained priest, The National Catholic Church in North America (1916, October 3)

Archbishop-Metropolitan, The Old Catholic Church in America-The Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America (1962)

Assisted by Bishop Joseph A. MacCormack, The Old Catholic Church in America-The Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America, Archbishop Brothers consecrated 1966, 14 April

**Joseph John Skureth (1908-1992)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1959, January 25)

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church in America (1963, July 31)

Exarch, The Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America (1966)

Assisted by Archbishop Francisco de Jesus Pagtakhan and Bishop Larry L. Shaver, both of Iglesia Filipina Independiente of USA, Exarch Skureth consecrated 1989, 28 February

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)



**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
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THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (II)**

**Antoniadis [Andon] Yahon (Hierotheos [Jerotheu])**

Metropolitan of Korca, The Albanian Autocephalous Orthodox Church (1923)

Assisted by Metropolitan of Berat Kristofor (Sotirios Kisi), The Albanian Autocephalous Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Hierotheos consecrated 1923, 21 November/4 December

**Theophanes [Fan] Stylian Noli (1882-1965)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church in America (1908, March 8)

Archbishop, The Albanian Orthodox Church in America (1919)

Assisted by Bishop Christopher Contogeorge, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America, Archbishop Noli consecrated 1946, 24 February

**Christofor Paul Rado (1898-1971)**

Ordained priest, The Albanian Orthodox Autocephalous Church (1930, March 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Independent Albanian Orthodox Church of St. Paul (1958)

Assisted by Bishop Teofil Ionesco, The Romanian Orthodox Church, Archbishop-Primate Christofor consecrated 1970, 27 February

**Dimitrios Gerassimus Vrionis (Pangratos, \*1944)**

Ordained priest, The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America (1963, November 10)

Metropolitan-Primate, The Greek Archdiocese of Vasiloupolis (1970)

Assisted by Bishop Stephan DiGiovanni and Archbishop Benedict Green, both of The Greek Archdiocese of Vasiloupolis, Metropolitan Pangratos consecrated 1986, 20 April

**Joseph Langdon (1900-2001)**

Ordained priest, The Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1962)

Bishop Joseph consecrated 1994, 4 January

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE ANCIENT CHURCH OF THE EAST**

**Maran Mar Rowel Shimun XX (1840-1903)**

Catholicos-Patriarch, The Ancient Church of the East (1861)

Maran Mar Rowel Shimun XX consecrated 1862, 17 December (Eastern style)

**Anthony Thondanatt (Mar Abdisho, 1827-1900)**

Ordained priest, The Catholic Church in India (1855)

Metropolitan of Trichur, The Syro-Chaldean Church (1882)

Assisted by Mar Augustine (Michael Augustine), The Syro-Chaldean Church, Mar Abdisho consecrated 1899, 24 July

**Luis Mariano Soares (Mar Basilius, -1903)**

Ordained priest, The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

Metropolitan of Ceylon, Mylapore, Socotra and Messina, The Syro-Chaldean Church (1899)

Mar Basilius consecrated 1902, 30 November

**Ulric Vernon Herford (Mar Jacobus, 1866-1938)**

Ordained priest, The Syro-Chaldean Church (1902, November 23)

Founder, The Evangelical Catholic Communion (1903)

Mar Jacobus consecrated 1925, 28 February

**William Stanley McBean Knight (Mar Paulus, 1869-1950)**

Ordained priest, The Evangelical Catholic Communion

Mar Paulus consecrated 1931, 18 October

**Hedley Coward Bartlett (Mar Hedley, 1863-1956)**

Ordained priest

General Moderator, The Evangelical Catholic Communion (1938)

Mar Hedley consecrated 1945, 20 May

**Hugh George de Wilmott Newman (Mar Georgius I, 1905-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church of Ireland (1938, October 23)

Catholicos-Patriarch, The Catholicate of the West-The Catholic Apostolic Church (1945)

Assisted by Mar Leofric (Charles Leslie Saul), Archbishop-Exarch of The Catholicate of the West, Mar David (Francis David Bacon), Bishop of The Catholicate of the West, and Mar Johannus (William John Eaton Jeffrey), Bishop of The Catholicate of the West and General Moderator of The Evangelical Catholic Communion, Mar Georgius I consecrated 1946, 22 April

**Richard Kenneth Hurgon (Mar Benignus, 1902-1994)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1934, June 10)

Ordained priest, The Ancient Christian Fellowship (1946, June 5)

Coadjutor-Bishop, The Evangelical Catholic Communion (1947)

Archbishop-Primate, The Reformed Catholic Church (1981)

Assisted by Bishop Ian Kirk-Stewart, The Reformed Catholic Church, Archbishop Hurgon consecrated 1985, 7 December

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE ARMENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Paul Asdvazadourian (Grigor Petros VIII, 1788-1866)**

Catholicos-Patriarch, The Armenian Catholic Church of Kilikia (1844)

Grigor Petros VIII consecrated 1861, 7 April

**Leon [Ghevont] Chorchorunian [Khorkhorounian] (1821-1897)**

Ordained priest, The Armenian Catholic Church of Kilikia (1845, February 2)

Archbishop of Malatya, The Armenian Catholic Church of Kilikia (1861)

Archbishop Leon blessed as vardapet 1878, 23 April

**Leon Checkemian [Khekemian] (1848-1920)**

Ordained priest, The Armenian Catholic Church of Kilikia (1866, November 27)

Archbishop-Primus, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church (1897)

Assisted by Patriarch Charles Isaac Stevens, The Catholic Apostolic Church of the West [The Ancient British Church] and Bishop James Martin, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church, Archbishop Leon consecrated 1897, 2 November

**Andrew Charles Albert McLaglen [Andries Caarel Albertus] (Mar Andries, 1851-1928)**

Ordained priest

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1919)

Primus, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church (1919)

Mar Andries consecrated 1922, 4 June

**Herbert James Monzani-Heard (Mar Jacobus II, 1866-1947)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1922)

Mar Jacobus II consecrated 1943, 13 June

**William Bernard Crow (Mar Bernard [Mar Basilius Abdullah III], 1895-1976)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1935)

Ordained priest, The Orthodox-Keltic Church of The British Commonwealth of Nations

Patriarch, The Ancient Orthodox Catholic Church (1943)

Mar Basilius Abdullah III consecrated 1944, 10 April

**Hugh George de Willmott Newman (Mar Georgius I, 1905-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church of Ireland (1938, October 23)

Catholicos-Patriarch, The Catholicate of the West-The Catholic Apostolic Church (1945)

Assisted by Mar Philippus (Philip C. S. Singer), Bishop of The Ancient Catholic Church, Mar Georgius I consecrated 1953, 25 October

**Ronald Powell (Richard John Christian Duc de Palatine, 1919-1977)**

Ordained priest, The Pre-Nicene Catholic Church [Chrestian Ekklesia] (1953, January 13)

Archbishop-Primate, The Pre-Nicene Catholic Church [Chrestian Ekklesia] (1953)

Archbishop Duc de Palatine consecrated 1958, 10 August

**George William Boyer (1921-2008)**

Ordained priest, The Old Holy Catholic Church in Britain (1955)

Ordained priest, The Pre-Nicene Catholic Church [Chrestian Ekklesia] (1958, August 9)

Archbishop-Primate, The Church of The Ascension (1983)

Archbishop Boyer consecrated 1983, 28 May

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Faunch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
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THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE CHALDEAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (I)**

**Yosif Khayatt (Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma, 1852-1947)**

Patriarch, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1900)

Assisted by Bishop of Salmas and Patriarchal Vicar Pierre Aziz Ho, Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma consecrated 1917, 27 May

**Antoine Lefebüre [Leberne, Lefberne] (Mar Antoine, 1862-1953)**

Member, Ordo Antonianus S. Hormisdæ Chaldaeorum

Ordained priest, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1893, January 6)

Patriarchal Exarch of Western Europe (1917)

Delegate and Special Commissary in the USA (1917)

Assisted by Mar James (Fernand Portal) and Mar Evodius (Edward Robert Smith), Bishops of The Chaldean Catholic Church, Mar Antoine consecrated 1925, 4 May

**Arthur Wolfort Brooks (Mar John Emmanuel, 1889-1948)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1916, January 11)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1930)

Assisted by Rev. David Leonarides and Rev. Stanatios Jongsoudis, both of The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Archbishop Brooks consecrated 1946, 13 July

**Wallace de Ortega Maxey (Mar David I, 1902-1992)**

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1923, June 1)

Ordained priest, The American Old Catholic Church (1929, February 10)

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1934)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1948)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Jürgen W. Bless, The German Old Catholic Church in America, Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, Archbishop-Primate Arthur Garrow, The Tridentine Old Catholic Church of the Americas, Bishop Daniel N. McCarty, The Apostolic Catholic Church of the Americas, Archbishop-Primate Ronald R. Ramm, The Ancient Christian Fellowship, Bishop Paul G. W. Schultz, Iglesia Ortodoxa Apostólica Mexicana and Apostolic Administrator of USA of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop de Ortega Maxey consecrated and enthroned as the third Archbishop-Primate 1986, 7 November

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (Mar Alexander, \* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)



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THE CHALDEAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (II)**

**Yosif Khayatt (Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma, 1852-1947)**

Patriarch, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1900)

Assisted by Bishop of Salmas and Patriarchal Vicar Pierre Aziz Ho, Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma consecrated 1917, 27 May

**Antoine Lefebüre [Leberne, Lefberne] (Mar Antoine, 1862-1953)**

Member, Ordo Antonianus S. Hormisdæ Chaldaeorum

Ordained priest, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1893, January 6)

Patriarchal Exarch of Western Europe (1917)

Delegate and Special Commissary in the USA (1917)

Assisted by Mar James (Fernand Portal) and Mar Evodius (Edward Robert Smith), Bishops of The Chaldean Catholic Church, Mar Antoine consecrated 1925, 4 May

**Arthur Wolfort Brooks (Mar John Emmanuel, 1889-1948)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1916, January 11)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1930)

Assisted by Bishops Harold F. A. Jarvis, Charles W. Keller and John M. More-Moreno, all of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Brooks consecrated 1946, 13 October

**Herman Philippus Abbinga (Mar Philippus, 1894-1968)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1927, October 30)

Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1946, September 30)

Archbishop-Primate, Oosters Apostolisch Episcopale Kerk (1952)

Archbishop Abbinga consecrated 1953, 31 May

**Perry Nikolaus Cedarholm (Mar Nikolaus, 1890-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Methodist Episcopal Church (1918, August 24)

Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1943, June 13)

Archbishop, The Apostolic Episcopal Church of Scandinavia (1970)

Archbishop Cedarholm consecrated 1971, 12 December

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (Mar Alexander, \*1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipiona Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

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**Yosif Khayatt (Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma, 1852-1947)**

Patriarch, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1900)

Assisted by Bishop of Salmas and Patriarchal Vicar Pierre Aziz Ho, Maran Mar Yosif Emmanuel II Thoma consecrated 1917, 27 May

**Antoine Lefebüre [Leberne, Lefberne] (Mar Antoine, 1862-1953)**

Member, Ordo Antonianus S. Hormisdæ Chaldaeorum

Ordained priest, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1893, January 6)

Patriarchal Exarch of Western Europe (1917)

Delegate and Special Commissary in the USA (1917)

Mar Antoine consecrated 1935, 14 April

**James Thomas Beckles (Mar Thomas Theophilus, 1884-1948)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church – Province of The United States of America (1925)

Archbishop-Primate, The Evangelical Orthodox Catholic Church in America

Mar Thomas Theophilus consecrated 1943, 20 November

**John M More-Moreno (Mar Chrysostomos, -1958)**

Ordained priest

Ruling Bishop, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America (The American Orthodox Catholic Church) (1934)

Ruling Bishop, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1949)

Assisted by Rev. David Leonarides, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Bishop Chrysostomos consecrated 1949, 6 December

**Perry Nikolaus Cedarholm (Mar Nikolaus, 1890-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Methodist Episcopal Church (1918, August 24)

Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1943, June 13)

Archbishop, The Apostolic Episcopal Church of Scandinavia (1970)

Archbishop Cedarholm consecrated 1971, 12 December

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (Mar Alexander, \*1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

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THE CHALDEAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (IV)**

**Yossuf Audo (Maran Mar Yossuf VI Audo, 1793-1878)**

Patriarch, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1847)

Maran Mar Yossuf VI Audo consecrated 1864, 5 June

**Hanna Sahhar [Fat-Allah] (Mar Elia Yohannan Mellus , 1831-1908)**

Ordained priest, The Chaldean Catholic Church (1856, September 21)

Mar Elia Yohannan Mellus consecrated 1882, 5 March

**Anthony Thondanatt (Mar Abdisho, 1827-1900)**

Ordained priest, The Catholic Church in India (1855)

Metropolitan of Trichur, The Syro-Chaldean Church (1882)

Assisted by Mar Augustine (Michael Augustine), The Syro-Chaldean Church, Mar Abdisho consecrated 1899, 24 July

**Luis Mariano Soares (Mar Basilius, -1903)**

Ordained priest, The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

Metropolitan of Ceylon, Mylapore, Socotra and Messina, The Syro-Chaldean Church (1899)

Mar Basilius consecrated 1902, 30 November

**Ulric Vernon Herford (Mar Jacobus, 1866-1938)**

Ordained priest, The Syro-Chaldean Church (1902, November 23)

Founder, The Evangelical Catholic Communion (1903)

Mar Jacobus consecrated 1925, 28 February

**William Stanley McBean Knight (Mar Paulus, 1869-1950)**

Ordained priest, The Evangelical Catholic Communion

Mar Paulus consecrated 1931, 18 October

**Hedley Coward Bartlett (Mar Hedley, 1863-1956)**

Ordained priest

General Moderator, The Evangelical Catholic Communion (1938)

Mar Hedley consecrated 1945, 20 May

**Hugh George de Wilmott Newman (Mar Georgius I, 1905-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church of Ireland (1938, October 23)

Catholicos-Patriarch, The Catholicate of the West-The Catholic Apostolic Church (1945)

Assisted by Mar Leofric (Charles Leslie Saul), Archbishop-Exarch of The Catholicate of the West, Mar David (Francis David Bacon), Bishop of The Catholicate of the West, and Mar Johannus (William John Eaton Jeffrey), Bishop of The Catholicate of the West and General Moderator of The Evangelical Catholic Communion, Mar Georgius I consecrated 1946, 22 April

**Richard Kenneth Hurgon (Mar Benignus, 1902-1994)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1934, June 10)

Ordained priest, The Ancient Christian Fellowship (1946, June 5)

Coadjutor-Bishop, The Evangelical Catholic Communion (1947)

Archbishop-Primate, The Reformed Catholic Church (1981)

Assisted by Bishop Ian Kirk-Stewart, The Reformed Catholic Church, Archbishop Hurgon consecrated 1985, 7 December

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Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

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CHIESA CATTOLICA IN ITALIA  
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L'ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE DE FRANCE  
AND  
L'ÉGLISE CONSTITUTIONNELLE**

**Pietro Francesco [Vincenzo Maria] Orsini de Gravina (Benedictus PP XIII, 1649-1730)**

Vicarius Christi (1724)

Benedictus PP XIII consecrated as Bishop of Auch 1726, 19 March

**Melchior de Polignac (1661-1741)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1718, May 21)

Assisted by Mgr Henri Constance de Mabras, Bishop of Macon, and Mgr Jean Bouhier, Bishop of Dijon, Mgr de Polignac consecrated as Bishop of Besancon 1735, 11 September

**Antoine-Pierre de Grammont II (1685-1754)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1717, October 28)

Assisted by Mgr Pierre Francois Hugon, Auxiliary Bishop of Besancon, and Mgr Beat Anton von Löwenburg, Canon of Basel and Constanz, Mgr de Grammont II consecrated as Bishop of Basel 1744, 22 November

**Joseph Wilhelm Rinck von Baldenstein (1704-1762)**

Ordained priest, Katholische Kirche in der Schweiz (1736, March 31)

Assisted by the Abbot of Bellelay and the Abbot of Hauterive, Mgr Rinck von Baldenstein consecrated as Bishop of Lausanne 1759, 1 April

**Joseph Nicolas de Montenach (1709-1782)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1732, March 8)

Assisted by Abbot Grégoire Girardin, Cistercian Covent of Lucelle, and Abbot Hieronymus Brunner, Benedictine Covent of Mariastein (Beinwill), Mgr de Montenach consecrated as Coadjutor to Archbishop of Basel 1772, 22 March

**Jean-Baptiste Gobel (1727-1794)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1750, December 19)

Bishop of Paris, L'Église Constitutionnelle (1791)

Assisted by Mgr Jean-Baptiste Dubourg-Miroudot, Bishop of Babylone, and Mgr Jean-Pierre Saurine, Bishop of Dax, both of L'Église Constitutionnelle, Mgr Gobel consecrated as Bishop of Lyon 1791, 27 March

**Antoine-Adrien Lamourette (1742-1794)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1769)

Assisted by Mgr Jean-Francois Périer, Bishop of Clermont, and Mgr Jacques-Guillaume-René-Francois Pudhomme de la Boussinière des Vallées, Bishop of Le Mans, both of L'Église Constitutionnelle, Mgr Lamourette consecrated as Bishop of Belley 1791, ¾ April

**Jean-Baptiste Royer (1733-1807)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1760)

Assisted by Mgr Henri-Baptiste Grégoire, Bishop of Blois, and Mgr Éléonore-Marie Desbois de Rochefort, Bishop of Amiens, both of L'Église Constitutionnelle, Mgr Royer consecrated as Bishop of Santo Domingo 1800, 3 August

**Guillaume Mauviel (1757-1814)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1790)

Primate, L'Église Johannite des Chrétiens Primitifs (1810)

Assisted by Mgr Bernard Fabré-Palaprat, L'Église Johannite des Chrétiens Primitifs, Mgr Mauviel consecrated as Coadjutor of L'Église Johannite des Chrétiens Primitifs as "Bailli de Jutland" 1810, 29 July

**Jean Machault (1770-1845)**

Ordained priest,

Primate, L'Église Johannite des Chrétiens Primitifs (1814)

Mgr Mauchault consecrated as "Primat des Gaules" 1831, 20 February

**François-Ferdinand Toussaint Châtel (1795-1857)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1818)

Co-founder, L'Église Catholique Française (1831)

Primate, L'Église Johannite des Chrétiens des Primitifs (1831)

Assisted by Mgrs Luc Barnéoud and Louis Vacherot, both of L'Église Johannite des Chrétiens Primitifs, Mgr Châtel consecrated as Primate of L'Église Albigeoise 1836, 24 June

**Michel-Henri d'Adhémar (1801-1900)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Johannite des Chrétiens Primitifs (1836, June 24)

Assisted by Mgrs Luc Barnéoud and Louis Vacherot, Mgr d'Adhémar consecrated as Bishop of L'Église Albigeoise 1857, 2 February



**Manuel López de Brion (1830-1874)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Albigeoise (1848, Januari 1)

Mgr López de Brion consecrated as Bishop of L'Église Albigeoise 1860, 2 February

**Paul-Pierre de Marraga (1823-1901)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Albigeoise (1848)

Assisted by Mgr Juan-Manuel de Brion, Mgr de Marraga consecrated as Bishop of L'Église Spirite Albigeoise 1899, 15 August

**Lucien-François Jean-Maine (1869-1960)**

Ordained priest, L'Église de Carmel (1891, September 29)

Mgr Jean-Maine consecrated as Bishop of L'Église Spirite Albigeoise 1953, 25 January

**Hector-François Jean-Maine (1924-1984)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Gnostique Apostolique Universelle (1949, January 27)

Assisted by Mgr José Marraga y Adhémar, L'Église Spirite des Chrétiens Primitifs, Mgr H-F Jean-Maine consecrated as Bishop of L'Église Gnostique 1966, 25 January

**Michael Paul Bertiaux (\*1935)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Spirite des Chrétiens Primitifs (1963, August 15)

Assisted by Bishops Peter A Kett and Mark A Worcester, both of Ecclesia Gnostica in Anglia, Bishop Bertiaux consecrated 1979, 16 June

**Forest Ernest Barber (1922-1992)**

Ordained priest, The American Episcopal Church (1944, April 6)

Ordained priest, The Universal Christian Communion (1946, June 15)

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1961, January 7)

Bishop-Primate, Igreja Católica Apostólica Dominicana (1985)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, and Bishop Paul G. W. Schultz, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana and Apostolic Administrator of The Apostolic Episcopal Church of USA, Bishop Barber consecrated 1987, 14 June

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Pontifex, Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani, Deutsches Grosspriorat (1991, December 21; invested in Jerusalem 1992, May 23, by Patriarchal Vicar of The Holy Land Lutfi Laham, The Melkite-Greek Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East)

Archbishop-Primate of The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

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**Prospero Lorenzo Lambertini (Benedictus PP XIV, 1675-1758)**

Vicarius Christi (1740)

Benedictus PP XIV consecrated 1743, 19 March

**Carol della Torre Rezzoni (1693-1769)**

Vicarius Christi as Clemens PP XIII (1758)

Assisted by Archbishops Scopio Borghese and Ignatius Reali, Clemens PP XIII consecrated 1767, 26 April

**Bernardinus Giraud (1721-1777)**

Cardinal, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1771)

Assisted by Archbishop Marcus Antonius Cont and Bishop Iosefus Maria Carafa, Cardinal Giraud consecrated 1777, 23 February

**Alexander Matthaesus [Mattei] (1744-1820)**

Cardinal, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1779)

Assisted by Bishops Geraldus Maciotti and Franciscus Albertini, Cardinal Matthaesus consecrated 1819, 12 September

**Petrus Franciscus Galeffi [Galleffi] (1770-1837)**

Cardinal, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1803)

Assisted by Archbishop Ioannes Franciscus Falzacappa and Iosephus della Porta Rodini, Cardinal Galeffi consecrated 1822, 8 December

**Iacobus Philippus Fransoni (1775-1856)**

Cardinal, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1826)

Assisted by Patriarch Joseph Valerga and Bishop Rudesindus Salvado, Cardinal Fransoni consecrated 1851, 8 June

**Carolus Sacconi (1808-1889)**

Cardinal, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1861)

Assisted by Archbishops Salvator Nobili Vitelleschi and Franciscus Xaverius Fredericus de Merode, Cardinal Sacconi consecrated 1872, 30 June

**Edward Henry Howard (1829-1892)**

Cardinal, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1877)

Assisted by Archbishop Alessandro Sanminiati Zabarella and Bishop Giulio Lenti, Cardinal Howard consecrated 1882, 8 December

**Mariano Rampolla Marchese del Tindaro (1843-1913)**

Cardinal, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1887)

Assisted by Archbishops Antonio de Macedo Costa and Domingos Ferrata, Cardinal Rampolla del Tindaro consecrated 1890, 26 October

**Joaquin Arcoverde de Albuquerque-Cavalcanti (1850-1930)**

Cardinal, Igreja Católica no Brasil (1905)

Assisted by Archbishop Francisco do Rêgo Maia and Bishop Juan Nepomucens Terrero y Escalada, Cardinal de Albuquerque-Cavalcanti consecrated 1911, 4 June

**Sebastião Leme da Silveira Cintra (1882-1942)**

Ordained priest, Igreja Católica no Brasil (1904, October 28)

Titular Archbishop, Igreja Católica no Brasil (1921)

Assisted by Dom Alberto Jose Goncalves and Dom Benedito Paulo Alves de Souza, Dom da Silveira Cintra consecrated 1924, 8 December

**Carlos Duarte Costa (1888-1961)**

Ordained priest, Igreja Católica no Brasil (1911, April 1)

Patriarch, Igreja Católica Apostólica Nacionais (1945)

Dom Duarte Costa consecrated 1948, 3 May

**Luís Fernando Castillo Méndez (\*1922)**

Ordained priest, Iglesia Católica en España (1944, August 10)

Patriarch, Igreja Católica Apostólica Nacionais (1961)

Assisted by Dom Melquiades Rosa Garcia and Dom Bartolomeu Sebastião Vilela, both of Igreja Católica Apostólica Brasileira, Dom Castillo Méndez consecrated 1985, 30 January

**Forest Ernest Barber (1922-1992)**

Ordained priest, The American Episcopal Church (1944, April 6)

Ordained priest, The Universal Christian Communion (1946, June 15)

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1961, January 7)

Bishop-Primate, Igreja Católica Apostólica Dominicana (1985)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, Bishop Paul G. W. Schultz, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana and Apostolic Administrator of The Apostolic Episcopal Church of USA, Dom Barber consecrated 1987, 14 June

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Bishop-Primate, Katolska Apostoliska Kyrkan i Sverige (The Catholic Apostolic Church in Sweden of the Communion Igreja Católica Apostólica Nacionais) (1987)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

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THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCHES (I)**

**Scipio Rebiba (1504-1577)**

Assisted by Bishops Annibale Caracciolo and Giacomo de'Giacomelli, Cardinal Rebiba consecrated 1566, 12 March

**Giulio Antonio Santorio (1532-1602)**

Assisted by Bishops Giulio Masetti and Ottaviano Paravicini, Cardinal Santorio consecrated 1586, 7 September

**Girolamo Bernerio (1540-1611)**

Assisted by Bishops Claudio Rangoni and Giovanni Ambrogio Caccia, Cardinal Bernerio consecrated 1604, 4 April

**Galeazzo Sanvitale (1566-1622)**

Assisted by Bishops Cosmo de Torres and Ottavio Ridolfi, Archbishop Emeritus Sanvitale consecrated 1621, 2 May

**Lodovico Ludovisi (1575-1632)**

Assisted by Archbishops Emeriti Galeazzo Sanvitale and Vulpiano Volpi, Cardinal Ludovisi consecrated 1622, 12 June

**Luigi Caetani (1595-1642)**

Assisted by Bishops Antonio Ricciulli and Benedetto Landi, Cardinal Caetani consecrated 1630, 7 October

**Giovanni Battista Scannarolo (1579-1665)**

Assisted by Bishop Marco Antonio Bottoni and Bishop Emeritus Laurenzio Gavotti, Bishop Scannarolo consecrated 1655, 24 October

**Antoine Barberini (1607-1671)**

Assisted by Bishops Pierre de Cambout de Coislin and Michel Colbert de Saint-Pouange, Cardinal Barberini consecrated 1668, 12 November

**Charles-Maurice Le Tellier (1642-1710)**

Assisted by Bishops Armand de Monchy and Gabriel de Roquette, Archbishop Le Tellier consecrated 1670, 21 September

**Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627-1704)**

Assisted by Bishops Gui de Sève de Rochechouart and Louis Marie Armand de Simiane de Gorde, Bishop Emeritus Bossuet consecrated 1673, 16 April

**Jacques Goyon de Matignon (1643-1727)**

Assisted by Bishops Louis-François Duplessis de Mornay and Jean-Baptiste Massillon, Bishop Emeritus de Matignon consecrated as Bishop of Ascalon in partibus infidelium 1719, 10 February

**Dominique Marie Varlet (1678-1742)**

Bishop Varlet consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1739, 17 October

**Petrus Johannes Meindaerts (1678-1767)**

Archbishop Meindaerts consecrated as Bishop of Haarlem 1745, 11 July

**Johannes van Stiphout (1708-1777)**

Assisted by Bishop Johannes Byevelt, Bishop van Stiphout consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1768, 7 February

**Gualtherus Michael van Nieuwenhuyzen (1722-1797)**

Archbishop van Nieuwenhuisen consecrated as Bishop of Haarlem 1778, 21 June

**Adrian Johannes Broekman (1724-1800)**

Assisted by Bishop Nicolas Nellemans, Bishop Broekman consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1797, 5 July

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**Gijsbertus Cornelis de Jong (1764-1824)**

Bishop de Jong consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1814, 24 April

**Willibrod van Os (1744-1825)**

Archbishop van Os consecrated as Bishop of Haarlem 1819, 25 April

**Johannes Bon (1774-1841)**

Bishop Bon consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1825, 13 November

**Johannes van Santen (1772-1858)**

Archbishop van Santen consecrated as Bishop of Deventer 1853, 17 July

**Hermann Heijkamp (1804-1892)**

Bishop Heijkamp consecrated as Bishop of Haarlem 1873, 11 August

**Casparus Johannes Rinkel (1826-1906)**

Assisted by Bishops Cornelius Diependaal, Josef Hubert Reinkens and Eduard Herzog, Bishop Rinkel consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1892, 11 May

**Gul, Gerard (1847-1920)**

Archbishop, The Union of Utrecht of the Old Catholic Churches (1892)

Assisted by Bishops Johannes Jacobus van Thiel and Nicholas Bartholomaeus Petrus Spit, Oud-Katholieke Kerk van Nederland, and Bishop Josef Demmel, Alt-Katholische Kirche in Deutschland, Archbishop Gul consecrated 28 April 1908

**Mathew, Arnold Harris (1852-1919)**

Ordained priest, The Catholic Church in Scotland (1877, June 24)

Archbishop-Primate, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1911)

Archbishop-Primate, The Uniate Western Catholic Church (1916)

Archbishop Mathew consecrated as Bishop of Scotland 1913, 29 June

**Rudolf Franziskus Eduard de Landas Berghes et de Rache (1873-1920)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1912, November 21)

Archbishop-Primate, The National Catholic Church in North America (1914)

Archbishop de Landas Berghes et de Rache consecrated 1916, 3 October

**William Henry Francis Brothers (1887-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1911, October 3)

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Church of America (1913, April 20)

Ordained priest, The National Catholic Church in North America (1916, October 3)

Archbishop-Primate, The Old Catholic Church in America (1917)

Assisted by Bishops Albert Jehan and Józef Zielonka, The Old Catholic Church in America, Archbishop Brothers consecrated 1925, 24 June

**William Montgomery Brown (1855-1937)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1884, May 22)

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1925, June 24)

Assisted by Archbishop William H. F. Brothers, Bishops Albert Jehan and Józef Zielonka, The Old Catholic Church in America, Bishop Brown consecrated 1927, 2 January

**Wallace de Ortega Maxey (1902-1992)**

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1923, June 1)

Ordained priest, The American Old Catholic Church (1929, February 10)

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1934)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1948)



Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Jürgen W. Bless, The German Old Catholic Church in America, Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, Archbishop-Primate Arthur Garrow, The Tridentine Old Catholic Church of the Americas, Bishop Daniel N. McCarty, The Apostolic Catholic Church of the Americas, Archbishop-Primate Ronald R. Ramm, The Ancient Christian Fellowship, Bishop Paul G. W. Schultz, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana and Apostolic Administrator of USA of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop de Ortega Maxey consecrated and enthroned as the third Archbishop-Primate 1986, 7 November

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

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Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

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**Scipio Rebiba (1504-1577)**

Assisted by Bishops Annibale Caracciolo and Giacomo de'Giacomelli, Cardinal Rebiba consecrated 1566, 12 March

**Giulio Antonio Santorio (1532-1602)**

Assisted by Bishops Giulio Masetti and Ottaviano Paravicini, Cardinal Santorio consecrated 1586, 7 September

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**Petrus Johannes Meindaerts (1678-1767)**

Archbishop Meindaerts consecrated as Bishop of Haarlem 1745, 11 July

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**Willibrod van Os (1744-1825)**

Archbishop van Os consecrated as Bishop of Haarlem 1819, 25 April

**Johannes Bon (1774-1841)**

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**Johannes van Santen (-1858)**

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**Hermann Heijkamp (1804-1892)**

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**Casparus Johannes Rinkel (1826-1906)**

Assisted by Bishops Cornelius Diependaal, Josef Hubert Reinkens and Eduard Herzog, Bishop Rinkel consecrated as Archbishop of Ütrecht 1892, 11 May

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Archbishop, The Union of Utrecht of the Old Catholic Churches (1892)

Assisted by Bishops Johannes Jacobus van Thiel and Nicholas Bartholomaeus Petrus Spit, Oud-Katholieke Kerk van Nederland, and Bishop Josef Demmel, Alt-Katholische Kirche in Deutschland, Archbishop Gul consecrated 28 April 1908

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Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1912, November 21)

Archbishop-Primate, The National Catholic Church in North America (1914)

Assisted by Bishop William Henry Francis Brothers, The National Catholic Church in North America, Archbishop de Landas Berghes et de Rache consecrated 1916, 4 October

**Carmel [Carmelo] Henry Carfora (1878-1958)**

Ordained priest, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1901, August 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1919)

Assisted by Bishop Francis Kanski, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church, Archbishop Carfora consecrated 1924, 10 February

**Edwin Wallace Hunter (1858-1942)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1884, June 6)

Ordained priest, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1923, September 22)

Archbishop-Primate, The Holy Catholic Church of the Apostles in The Diocese of Louisiana (1919)

Assisted by Bishop Samuel Gregory Lines, The Apostolic Christian Church, and Bishop Francis John Edmund Barwell-Walker, The American Catholic Church, Archbishop Hunter consecrated 1929, 24 March

**Wallace de Ortega Maxey (1902-1992)**

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1923, June 1)

Ordained priest, The American Old Catholic Church (1929, February 10)

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1934)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1948)

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Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

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**Scipio Rebiba (1504-1577)**

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**Giulio Antonio Santorio (1532-1602)**

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**Petrus Johannes Meindaerts (1678-1767)**

Archbishop Meindaerts consecrated as Bishop of Haarlem 1745, 11 July

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**Johannes Bon (1774-1841)**

Bishop Bon consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1825, 13 November

**Johannes van Santen (-1858)**

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**Hermann Heijkamp (1804-1892)**

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**Casparus Johannes Rinkel (1826-1906)**

Assisted by Bishops Cornelius Diependaal, Josef Hubert Reinkens and Eduard Herzog, Bishop Rinkel consecrated as Archbishop of Utrecht 1892, 11 May

**Gul, Gerard (1847-1920)**

Archbishop, The Union of Ütrecht of the Old Catholic Churches (1892)

Assisted by Bishops Johannes Jacobus van Thiel and Nicholas Bartholomaeus Petrus Spit, Oud-Katholieke Kerk van Nederland, and Bishop Josef Demmel, Alt-Katholische Kirche in Deutschland, Archbishop Gul consecrated 28 April 1908

**Mathew, Arnold Harris (1852-1919)**

Ordained priest, The Catholic Church in Scotland (1877, June 24)

Archbishop-Primate, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1911)

Assisted by Revds Robert King and John Briggs Seaton Archbishop Mathew consecrated as Bishop of St Pancras 1914, 28 October

**Frederick Samuel Willoughby (1862-1928)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1888)

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1914, August 1)

Bishop, The Liberal Catholic Church (1916)

Bishop Willoughby consecrated 1922, 9 July

**James Bartholomew Banks (1894-1975)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1921)

Bishop, The Church of the Great Sacrifice

Bishop Banks consecrated 1924, 22 June

**John Matthew Cooper**

Orthodox-Primate, The Old Catholic Evangelical Church of God (1924)

Archbishop Cooper consecrated 1954, 31 January

**Charles Brearley (Ignatius Carolus, 1894-1976)**

Archbishop-Primate, The Old Holy Catholic Church (Church of the One Life) (1955)

Archbishop Brearley consecrated 1956, 20 May and 1957, 15 December

**George William Boyer (1921-2008)**

Ordained priest, The Old Holy Catholic Church in Britain (1955)

Ordained priest, The Pre-Nicene Catholic Church [Chrestian Ekklesia] (1958, August 9)

Archbishop-Primate, The Church of The Ascension (1983)

Archbishop Boyer consecrated 1983, 28 May



**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

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Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

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**Gilbert Sheldon (1598-1677)**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan (1663)

Archbishop Sheldon consecrated as Bishop of Oxford 1674, 6 December

**Henry Compton (1632-1713)**

Bishop Compton consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury 1678, 27 January

**William Sancroft (1617-1693)**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan (1678-1689)

Archbishop Sancroft consecrated as Bishop of Bristol 1685, 8 November

**Jonathan Trelawney (1650-1721)**

Bishop Trelawney consecrated as Bishop of Oxford 1715, 15 May

**John Potter (1674-1747)**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan (1737)

Archbishop Potter consecrated as Bishop of Bangor 1738, 15 January

**Thomas Herring (1693-1757)**

Archbishop of York (1743)

Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan (1747)

Archbishop Herring consecrated as Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry 1749, 8 February

**Frederick Cornwallis (1713-1783)**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan (1768)

Archbishop Cornwallis consecrated as Bishop of Bangor 1775, 12 January

**John Moore (1730-1805)**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan (1783)

1. Assisted by Archbishop William Markham of York, and Bishops Charles Moss and John Hinchliffe, all of The Church of England, Archbishop Moore consecrated as Bishop of New York, USA, **Samuel Provoost (1742-1815)**, and as Bishop of Pennsylvania, USA, **William White (1748-1836)** 1787, 4 February

2. Assisted by Bishops Beilby Porteus and John Thomas of The Church of England, Archbishop Moore consecrated as Bishop of Virginia **James Madison (1749-1812)** 1790, 19 September

### **I.**

Assisted by Bishop James Madison of Virginia, Bishop Samuel Seabury of Connecticut and Bishop William White of Pennsylvania, all of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop **Samuel Provoost** consecrated as Bishop of Maryland 1792, 17 September

#### **Thomas John Claggett (1742-1816)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1767, October 11)

### **II.**

#### **William White (1748-1836)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1772, April 25)

Presiding Bishop, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1795)

Assisted by Bishops Claggett and Provoost of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop White consecrated as Bishop of Massachusetts 1797, 7 May

#### **Edward Bass (1726-1803)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1752, May 24)

Assisted by Bishops Bass and Provoost of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop White consecrated as Bishop of Connecticut 1797, 18 October

#### **Abraham Jarvis (1739-1813)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1764, February 9)

Assisted by Bishops Jarvis and Provoost of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop White consecrated as Bishop-Coadjutor of New York 1811, 29 May

#### **John Henry Hobart (1775-1830)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1801)

Assisted by Bishops Nathaniel Bowen, John Croes, John Henry Hobart and James Kemp of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop White consecrated as Bishop of Pennsylvania 1827, 25 October

#### **Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1789-1858)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1816, April 11)

Assisted by Bishops George Washington Doane and Jackson Kemper of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop Onderdonk consecrated as Bishop of Michigan 1836, 7 July

**Samuel Allen McCoskry (1804-1886)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1883, December 13)

Assisted by Bishops Gregory Thurston Bedell, Robert Harper Clarkson, George De Normandie Gillespie, John Franklin Spalding, Joseph Cruikshank Talbot and Henry Benjamin Whipple of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop McCoskry consecrated as Bishop of Illinois 1875, 6 December

**William Edward McLaren (1831-1905)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1872, October 20)

Assisted by Bishops George F. Seymour and Cortland Whitehead of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop McLaren consecrated as Bishop of Arkansas 1898, 24 June

**William Montgomery Brown (1855-1937)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1884, May 22)

Assisted by Archbishop William H. F. Brothers and Bishops Albert Jehan and Józef Zielonka of The Old Catholic Church in America, Bishop Brown consecrated 1927, 2 January

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THE SYRIAN PATRIARCHATE OF ANTIOCH AND ALL THE EAST  
AND  
THE UNION OF ÜTRECHT OF THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

**I.**

**Abba Yusab II (1878-1956)**

Archbishop of Girga (1942)

Most Holy and Most Blessed Father, Pope Abba and Patriarch of the City of Alexandria and of all the Land of Egypt, of the City of God, Jerusalem, of the Pentapolis, of Libya, Nubia, Ethiopia and Africa and of all the places where St Mark preached (The Coptic Orthodox Church) (1946; Locum Tenens 1942-1944)

Abba Yusab II consecrated Itchege (Patriarchal Vicar) 1951, 13 January

**Gebre Giyorgis (Anba Basiliyos, 1901-1970)**

Archbishop-Metropolitan, The Coptic Orthodox Church, The Archdiocese of Ethiopia (1951)

Patriarch-Catholicos, The Ethiopian Orthodox Church (1959)

**II.**

**Azer Joseph Atta (Abba Kirillus/Kirollos VI, 1902-1971)**

Consecrated by Abba Athanasios as the main consecrator 1959, 10 May

Pope of Alexandria and 116th Patriarch of the See of St Mark (The Coptic Orthodox Church) (1959)

Abba Kirollos VI consecrated and enthroned as the first Patriarch-Catholicos of The Ethiopian Orthodox Church, 1959, 28 June

**Anba Basiliyos (Abuna Basiliyos, 1901-1970)**

Abuna Basiliyos appointed and ordained as Comos (Archimandrite), 1962, 18 July

**LaVon Miguel Haithman [Leo Haithman] (Abba Gabre Mikael Kristos, 1927-1986)**

Ordained priest, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1952)

Ordained priest, The Ethiopian Orthodox Church (1959)

### III.

#### **Joseph René Vilatte (1854-1929)**

See chart *The Apostolic Succession of The Apostolic Episcopal Church from The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (II) and (III)*.

Assisted by Bishop Louis Prota Giurelo Miraglia Gulotti, The American Catholic Church, Archbishop-Metropolitan Vilatte, The American Catholic Church, consecrated 1915, 29 September

#### **Frederick Ebenezer John Lloyd (Mar Frederic, 1859-1933)**

Ordained priest, The Anglican Church of Canada (1886, June 20)

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1915, June 20)

Archbishop-Primate, The American Catholic Church (1915)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate George Alexander McGuire, The African Orthodox Church, Archbishop Lloyd consecrated 1923, 18 November

#### **William Ernest James Robertson (James I, 1875-1962)**

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1921, September 27)

Assisted by Bishop Edmund Robert Bennett and Bishop Robert Asbury Jackson, both of The African Orthodox Church, Archbishop Robertson consecrated 1937, 7 November

#### **Hubert Augustus Rogers (1887-1976)**

Ordained priest, The African Orthodox Church

Archbishop H A Rogers consecrated 1948, 25 January

#### **James Hubert Rogers (1920-1991)**

Ordained priest, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1942, October 18)

Archbishop J H Rogers consecrated 1971

#### **LaVon Miguel Haithman [Leo Haithman] (Abba Gabre Mikael Kristos, 1927-1986)**

### IV.

#### **Joseph René Vilatte (1854-1929)**

See chart *The Apostolic Succession of The Apostolic Episcopal Church from The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (II) and (III)*.

Archbishop-Metropolitan Vilatte, The Old Catholic Church of America, consecrated 1907, 7 June

#### **Carmel [Carmelo] Henry Carfora (1878-1958)**

Ordained priest, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1901, August 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1919)

Archbishop Carfora consecrated sub conditione 1942, 30 July

**Hubert Augustus Rogers (1887-1976)**

Ordained priest, The African Orthodox Church

Archbishop H A Rogers consecrated 1948, 25 January

**James Hubert Rogers (1920-1991)**

Ordained priest, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1942-October 18)

Archbishop J H Rogers consecrated 1971

**LaVon Miguel Haithman [Leo Haithman] (Abba Gabre Mikael Kristos, 1927-1986)**

V.

**Arnold Harris Mathew (1852-1917)**

See chart *The Apostolic Succession of The Apostolic Episcopal Church from Chiesa Cattolica in Italia and The Union of Ütrecht of the Old Catholic Churches*

Archbishop Mathew consecrated 1913, 29 June

**Rudolphe Francois Edouard de Landas Berghes et de Rache (1873-1920)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1912, November 21)

Archbishop-Primate, The National Catholic Church in North America (1914)

Assisted by Bishop William Henry Francis Brothers, The National Catholic Church in North America, Archbishop de Landas Berghes et de Rache consecrated 1916, 4 October

**Carmel [Carmelo] Henry Carfora (1878-1958)**

Ordained priest, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1901, August 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1919)

Archbishop Carfora consecrated sub conditione 1942, 30 July

**Hubert Augustus Rogers (1887-1976)**

Ordained priest, The African Orthodox Church

Archbishop H A Rogers consecrated 1948, 25 January

**James Hubert Rogers (1920-1991)**

Ordained priest, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1942-October 18)

Archbishop J H Rogers consecrated 1971

**LaVon Miguel Haithman [Leo Haithman] (Abba Gabre Mikael Kristos, 1927-1986)**

Metropolitan-Archbishop-Primate, The Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church of North & South America



Assisted by Gabre Kristos Jeremiah (David William Worley) and Marcos Kristos, The Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church of North & South America, and Archbishop Lennard Lares, The American Orthodox Catholic Church, Metropolitan-Archbishop Gabre Mikael Kristos consecrated 1982, 16 February

**Philip Lewis (\* 1950)**

Ordained priest, Episcopal Orthodox Church (1972, April 4)

Metropolitan-Archbishop-Primate, The Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church of North & South America & Europe (1990)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Eugene Lynch, Bishops Bertram C. Clarke, Bancroft A. A. McCarthy, Kenneth R. Rainford, all of The Caribbean Episcopal Church of The British Isles, and Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop Lewis consecrated 1990, 13 October

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric Frank Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE ENGLISH NONJURORS  
AND  
THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The English Nonjurors**

**Gilbert Sheldon (1598-1677)**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan (1663)

Assisted by Bishops Guy Carleton, Peter Mews, George Morley, John Pritchett, Anthony Sparrow and Seth Ward of The Church of England, Archbishop Sheldon consecrated as Bishop of Llandaff 1675, 18 April

**William Lloyd (1637-1710)**

Archbishop, The English Nonjurors (1692)

Assisted by Bishops Francis Turner and Thomas White of The English Nonjurors, Archbishop Lloyd consecrated in secret as Suffragan Bishop of Thetford 1693, 24 February

**George Hickes (1642-1715)**

Assisted by Bishops John Falconer and Archibald Campbell of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Bishop Hickes consecrated as Bishop of Aberdeen of The Scottish Episcopal Church 1712, 24 February

**James Gadderar (1655-1733)**

**The Scottish Episcopal Church**

**Gilbert Sheldon (1598-1677)**

Bishop of London of The Church of England (1660)

Assisted by Bishops Hugh Lloyd, George Morley and Richard Sterne of The Church of England, Bishop Sheldon consecrated as Archbishop of St. Andrews of The Scottish Episcopal Church 1661, 15 December

**James Sharpe (1613-1679)**

Assisted by Bishops of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Archbishop Sharpe consecrated as Bishop of St. Andrews 1663, 18 September

**Alexander Burnet (1614-1684)**

Archbishop of Glasgow (1664)

Assisted by Bishop Alexander Young and other Bishops of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Archbishop Burnet consecrated as Bishop of Argyll May 1675

**Arthur Rose (1634-1704)**

Archbishop of St. Andrews (1684)

Assisted by other Bishops of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Archbishop Rose consecrated as Bishop of Moray 1687, 11 May

**Alexander Ross [Rose] (1647-1720)**

Archbishop-Metropolitan, The Scottish Episcopal Church (1704)

Assisted by Bishops John Falconer and John Fullarton of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Archbishop Ross consecrated as Bishop of Edinburgh 1718, 22 October

**Arthur Millar (1649-1727)**

Archbishop-Metropolitan, The Scottish Episcopal Church (1727)

Assisted by Bishops Andrew Cant and James Gadderar of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Archbishop Millar consecrated as Bishop of Dunkeld 1727, 4 June

**Thomas Rattray (1684-1743)**

Primus, The Scottish Episcopal Church (1738)

Assisted by Bishops Robert Keith and Robert White of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Bishop-Primus Rattray consecrated as Bishop of Caithness 1741, 10 September

**William Falconer (1707-1784)**

Primus, The Scottish Episcopal Church (1762)

Assisted by Bishops James Rait and John Alexander of The Scottish Episcopal Church, Bishop-Primus Falconer consecrated as Bishop of Aberdeen 1768, 21 September

**Robert Kilgour (1714-1788)**

Primus, The Scottish Episcopal Church (1782)

Assisted by Bishops Arthur Petrie and John Skinner of The Scottish Episcopal Church,  
Bishop-Primus Kilgour consecrated as Bishop of Connecticut, USA, 1784, 14 November

**Samuel Seabury (1729-1796)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1753, December 23)

Continuation, see the chart *The Apostolic Succession of The Apostolic Episcopal Church from  
The Church of England.*

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE MELKITE-GREEK PATRIARCHATE  
OF ANTIOCH AND ALL THE EAST**

**Petros Géha [Djaha] [Jeha] (Cyrillos VIII Géha, 1840-1916)**

Patriarch, The Melkite-Greek Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1902)

Patriarch Cyrillos VIII consecrated 1905, 5 February

**Méléce Saouaya (Athanasios Sawoya, 1870-1919)**

Ordained priest, The Melkite-Greek Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1892, June 10)

Archbishop, The Melkite-Greek Catholic Archdiocese of Beyrouth and Gebeil (1904)

Archbishop Sawoya consecrated 1911, 9 October

**Antoun Anid [Anthony Joseph Aneed] (Antonius Joseph I, 1879-1970)**

Ordained priest, The Melkite-Greek Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1905, June 11)

Patriarch, The Byzantine Universal (Catholic) and Orthodox Church of the Americas (1945)

Assisted by Bishop Charles H. Hampton, former Bishop of The Liberal Catholic Church-Province of The United States of America, Archbishop-Primate Henry J. Kleefisch, The Byzantine Universal Orthodox Church and Archbishop-Primate Lowell P. Wadle, The American Catholic Church, Patriarch Aneed consecrated 1945, 23 August

**Wallace de Ortega Maxey (1902-1992)**

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1923, June 1)

Ordained priest, The American Old Catholic Church (1929, February 10)

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1934)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1948)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Jürgen W. Bless, The German Old Catholic Church in America, Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, Archbishop-Primate Arthur Garrow, The Tridentine Old Catholic Church of the Americas, Bishop Daniel N. McCarty, The Apostolic Catholic Church of the Americas, Archbishop-Primate Ronald R. Ramm, The Ancient Christian Fellowship, Bishop Paul G. W. Schultz, Iglesia Ortodoxa Apostólica Mexicana and Apostolic Administrator of USA of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop de Ortega Maxey consecrated and enthroned as the third Archbishop-Primate 1986, 7 November

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Chaplain, The Patriarchal Order of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem of The Melkite-Greek Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1987, September 20, invested in Pfarrerkirche, Eicherscheid, Germany, by H B Patriarch Maximos V Hakim)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE ORDER OF CORPORATE REUNION (I)  
"The new Episcopal Succession"\*)**

**Frederick George Lee (1832-1902), Thomas Wimberley Mossman (1826-1889), John Thomas Seccombe (1835-1895)**  
consecrated 1879, 6 March

**Richard Williams Morgan (Mar Pelagius, 1815-1889)**  
Ordained priest, The Church of England (1842, October 2)

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1874)

Assisted by Bishops Frederick G. Lee, Thomas W. Mossman, John T. Seccombe, bishops of The Order of Corporate Reunion, Mar Pelagius consecrated 1879, 6 March

**Charles Isaac Stevens (Mar Theophilus, 1835-1917)**  
Ordained priest, The Reformed Episcopal Church

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1889)

Assisted by Bishop Alfred S. Richardson, The Reformed Episcopal Church, Mar Theophilus consecrated 1890, 8 May

**Leon Checkemian [Khekemian] (Mar Leon, 1848-1920)**  
Ordained priest, The Armenian Catholic Church (1866, November 27)

Archbishop-Primus, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church (1897)

Assisted by Patriarch Charles Isaac Stevens, The Catholic Apostolic Church of the West [The Ancient British Church] and Bishop James Martin, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church, Mar Leon consecrated 1897, 2 November

**Andrew Charles Albert [Andries Caarel Albertus] McLaglen (Mar Andries, 1851-1928)**  
Ordained priest

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1919)  
Primus, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church (1919)

Mar Andries consecrated 1922, 2 June

**\*) A merger of apostolic succession from Chiesa Cattolica in Italia and from The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East**

**Herbert James Monzani-Heard (Mar Jacobus II, 1866-1947)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1922)

Mar Jacobus II consecrated 1943, 13 June

**William Bernard Crow (Mar Bernard [Mar Basilius Abdullah III], 1895-1976)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1935)

Ordained priest, The Orthodox-Keltic Church of The British Commonwealth of Nations

Patriarch, The Ancient Orthodox Catholic Church (1943)

Mar Basilius Abdullah III consecrated 1944, 10 April

**Hugh George de Willmott Newman (Mar Georgius I, 1905-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church of Ireland (1938, October 23)

Catholicos-Patriarch, The Catholicate of the West-The Catholic Apostolic Church (1945)

Assisted by Bishop Richard Kenneth Hurgon, The Evangelical Catholic Communion,  
Archbishop-Exarch Charles Leslie Saul, The Catholicate of the West, Mar Georgius I  
consecrated 1946, 28 November

**Herman Philippus Abbinga (Mar Philippus, 1894-1968)**

Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1927)

Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1946)

Archbishop-Primate, Oosters Apostolisch Episcopale Kerk (1952)

Archbishop Abbinga consecrated 1953, 31 May

**Perry Nikolaus Cedarholm (Mar Nikolaus, 1890-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Methodist Episcopal Church (1918, August 24)

Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1943, June 13)

Archbishop, The Apostolic Episcopal Church of Scandinavia (1970)

Archbishop Cedarholm consecrated 1971, 12 December

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (Mar Alexander, \*1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)



Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE ORDER OF CORPORATE REUNION (II)  
”The new Episcopal Succession”\*)**

**Frederick George Lee (1832-1902), Thomas Wimberley Mossman (1826-1889), John Thomas Seccombe (1835-1895)**  
consecrated **Rev. Frederick Cornwallis Conybeare (1856-1924), Rev. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), Rev. Arthur Henry Stanton (1839-1913)**

Bishops Frederick C. Conybeare, Percy Dearmer, Arthur H. Stanton, all of The Order of Corporate Reunion, consecrated 1909, 1 November

**Arnold Harris Mathew (1852-1919)**

Ordained priest, The Catholic Church in Scotland (1877, June 24)

Archbishop-Primate, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1911)

Archbishop-Primate, The Uniate Western Catholic Church (1916)

Archbishop Mathew consecrated as Bishop of Scotland 1913, 29 June

**Rudolf Franziskus Eduard de Landas Berghes et de Rache (1873-1920)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (1912, November 21)

Archbishop-Primate, The National Catholic Church in North America (1914)

Assisted by Bishop William Henry Francis Brothers, The National Catholic Church in North America, Archbishop de Landas Berghes et de Rache consecrated 1916, 4 October

**Carmelo [Carmel] Henry Carfora (1878-1958)**

Ordained priest, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1901, August 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1919)

Assisted by Bishop Francis V. M. Kanski, The American Catholic Church, Archbishop Carfora consecrated 1924, 10 February

**Edwin Wallace Hunter (1858-1942)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1884, June 6)

Ordained priest, The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (1923, September 22)

Archbishop-Primate, The Holy Catholic Church of the Apostles in The Diocese of Louisiana (1929)

**\*) A merger of apostolic succession from Chiesa Cattolica in Italia and from The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East**

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Samuel Gregory Lines, The Apostolic Christian Church, and Bishop Francis J. E. Barwell-Walker, The American Catholic Church, Archbishop Hunter consecrated 1929, 24 March

**Wallace de Ortega Maxey (1902-1992)**

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1923, June 1)

Ordained priest, The American Old Catholic Church (1929, February 10)

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1934)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1948)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Jürgen W. Bless, The German Old Catholic Church in America, Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, Archbishop-Primate Arthur Garrow, The Tridentine Old Catholic Church of the Americas, Bishop Daniel N. McCarty, The Apostolic Catholic Church of the Americas, Archbishop-Primate Ronald R. Ramm, The Ancient Christian Fellowship, Bishop Paul G. W. Schultz, Iglesia Ortodoxa Apostólica Mexicana and Apostolic Administrator of USA of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop de Ortega Maxey consecrated and enthroned as the third Archbishop-Primate 1986, 7 November

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AND  
IGLESIA FILIPINA INDEPENDIENTE**

**Norman Spencer Binsted (1890-1961)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1916, June 18)

Missionary Bishop of The Philippines, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1940)

Assisted by Bishops Robert F. Wilner and Harry S. Kennedy, both of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop Binsted consecrated 1948, 7 April

**Isabelo de los Reyes Jr (1900-1971)**

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1921, May 30)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1948, April 7)

Obispo Maximo, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1946)

Assisted by Bishops Manuel N. Aguilar and Alejandro Remollino, both of Iglesia Filipina Independiente, Obispo Maximo de los Reyes Jr consecrated 1957, 22 September

**Francisco de Jesus Pagtakhan (\*1916)**

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1937, September 8)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1957, September 22)

Archbishop, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1984)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, and Bishop Paul G. W. Schultz, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana and Iglesia Filipina Independiente of USA and Apostolic Administrator of The Apostolic Episcopal Church of USA, Archbishop Pagtakhan consecrated 1988, 15 June

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Archbishop of Europe, Iglesia Filipina Independiente ([1987] 1991)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**Vissarion [Bessarion] Puiu (1879-1964)**

Metropolitan, The Romanian Orthodox Church (1944)

Assisted by Archbishop John Maximovitch and Bishop Nathanael, both of The Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, Metropolitan Vissarion consecrated 1954, 26 December

**Tudor Ionesco (Teofil, 1894-1975)**

Ordained priest, The Romanian Orthodox Church (1921, March 20)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Christofor Rado, The Independent Albanian Orthodox Church of St. Paul, Bishop Teofil consecrated 1970, 27 February

**Dimitrios Gerassimus Vrionis (Pangratos, \*1944)**

Ordained priest, The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America (1963, November 10)

Archbishop-Primate, The Greek Archdiocese of Vasiloupolis (1970)

Assisted by Bishop Stephan DiGiovanni and Archbishop Benedict Green, both of The Greek Archdiocese of Vasiloupolis, Archbishop-Primate Pangratos consecrated 1986, 20 April

**Joseph Langdon (1900-2001)**

Ordained priest, The Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1962)

Bishop Joseph consecrated 1994, 4 January

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (I)**

**Michael Nevskij (Makarij, 1835-1926)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church (1861, March 16)

Bishop of Tomsk and Barnaul, The Russian Orthodox Church (1895)

Assisted by Bishop Innokentij (Alexander Dmitrievich Pustynsky), The Russian Orthodox Diocese of North America and Aleutian Islands, Bishop Makarij consecrated 1904, 4 January

**Basil Michaelovich Meschersky (Eudokim, 1869-1935)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church (1894, August 1 [Old style])

Archbishop, The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1914)

Assisted by Bishops Stephen (Alexander Stepanovich Dzubay) and Aleksandr (Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Nemolovskij), both of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Eudokim consecrated 1917, 13 May

**Abdullah Ofiesh (Aftimios, 1880-1966)**

Ordained priest, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1902)

Archbishop, The Syrian Orthodox Mission of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1923)

Founder & Archbishop, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America (The American Orthodox Catholic Church) (1927)

Assisted by Metropolitan Elias of Tyre and Sidon, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East and Bishop Emmanuel (Rizkallah Abo-Hatab), The Syrian Orthodox Mission of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Aftimios consecrated 1928, 26 May

**Sophronios Bishara (Sophronios, 1888-1940)**

Ordained priest, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East

Archbishop, The Syrian Orthodox Mission of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1933)

Archbishop, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America (The American Orthodox Catholic Church) (1933)

Assisted by Archbishop-Exarch [Benjamin] Veniamin (Ioann Athenasievich Fedchenkov), The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Sophronios consecrated 1933, 7 November

**John M More-Moreno (Chrysostomos, -1958)**

Ordained priest

Ruling Bishop, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America (The American Orthodox Catholic Church) (1934)

Ruling Bishop, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1949)

Assisted by Rev. David Leonarides, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Bishop Chrysostomos consecrated 1949, 6 December

**Perry Nikolaus Cedarholm (Mar Nikolaus, 1890-1979)**

Ordained priest, The Methodist Episcopal Church (1918, August 24)

Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1943, June 13)

Archbishop, The Apostolic Episcopal Church of Scandinavia (1970)

Archbishop Cedarholm consecrated 1971, 12 December

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (Mar Alexander, \*1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Faunch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)



**THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION  
OF  
THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FROM  
THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (II)**

**Sergij Vladimirovich Simanskij (Aleksij I, 1877-1970)**

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1945)

Assisted by Metropolitan Nikolaj (Boris Dorofeevic' Jaruševic'), Archbishops Makarij (Sergej Konstantinovic' Daev) and Gurij (Vjaéslav Michajlovic' Egorov) and Bishops Aleksij (Viktor Aleksandrovic' Konoplev) and Pimen (Sergij Izvekov), Patriarch Aleksij I consecrated 1958, 28 December

**Konstantin Nikolaevich Wendland (Ioann/John, 1909-1989)**

Ordained priest, Russian Orthodox Church (1936, September 15)

Patriarchal Exarch, The Russian Orthodox Church in America (1963)

Assisted by Bishop Dositheus (Michail Ivanchenko), The Russian Orthodox Church in America, Exarch John consecrated 1966, 17 April

**Joseph John Skureth (1908-1992)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1959, January 25)

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church in America (1963, July 31)

Exarch, The Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America (1966)

Assisted by Archbishop Francisco de Jesus Pagtakhan and Bishop Larry L. Shaver, both of Iglesia Filipina Independiente of USA, Exarch Joseph consecrated 1989, 28 February

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

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**Michael Nevskij (Makarij, 1835-1926)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church (1861, March 16)

Bishop of Tomsk and Barnaul, The Russian Orthodox Church (1895)

Assisted by Bishop Innokentij (Alexander Dmitrievich Pustynsky), The Russian Orthodox Diocese of North America and Aleutian Islands, Bishop Makarij consecrated 1904, 4 January

**Basil Michaelovich Meschersky (Eudokim, 1869-1935)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church (1894, August 1 [Old style])

Archbishop, The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1914)

Assisted by Bishops Stephen (Alexander Stepanovich Dzubay) and Aleksandr (Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Nemolovskij), both of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Eudokim consecrated 1917, 13 May

**Abdullah Ofiesh (Aftimios, 1880-1966)**

Ordained priest, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1902)

Archbishop, The Syrian Orthodox Mission of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1923)

Founder & Archbishop, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America (The American Orthodox Catholic Church) (1927)

Assisted by Metropolitan Elias of Tyre and Sidon, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East and Bishop Emmanuel (Rizkallah Abo-Hatab), The Syrian Orthodox Mission of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Aftimios consecrated 1928, 26 May

**Sophronios Bishara (Sophronios, 1888-1940)**

Ordained priest, The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East

Archbishop, The Syrian Orthodox Mission of The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1933)

Archbishop, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America (The American Orthodox Catholic Church) (1933)

Assisted by Archbishop Theophanes S. Noli, The Albanian Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop Sophronios consecrated 1934, 10 February

**Christopher Contogeorge [Kontogiorgios] (1894-1950)**

Ordained priest, The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (1918)

Assisted by Bishop Ambrosius (Maitland Alexander) Raines, The Russian Orthodox Abroad, Archbishop Christopher consecrated 1935, 3 November

**Nicholas [Nikolaj] J. Kedroff [Kedrovskij] (1902-1944)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (1927)

Archbishop of North America and the Aleutian Islands, The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (1935)

Assisted by Bishop Arsenios Saltas, The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America, and Archbishop-Exarch [Benjamin]Veniamin (Ioann Athanasievich Fedchenkov), The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Nicholas consecrated 1935

**Joseph Klimovicz [Klymowycz] (1880-1961)**

Ordained priest, The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1913)

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

Patriarch, The Orthodox Catholic Patriarchate of America (1950)

Assisted by Patriarch Konstantin Jaroshevitch and Bishop Nicholas Bohatyretz, both of The Orthodox Catholic Church in America, Archbishop-Primate Józef Zielonka and Bishop Petrus Williamowicz, both of The Polish Old Catholic Church of America and Europe, Patriarch Joseph consecrated 1950, 15 October

**Peter Andreas Zhurawetsky (Peter II, 1901-1994)**

Ordained priest, The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America (1932, March 20)

Patriarch, The Orthodox Catholic Patriarchate of America (1961)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Hubert A. Rogers, Archbishop James H. Rogers, Archbishop Julian L. Smith, all of The North American Old Roman Catholic Church, Patriarch Peter II consecrated 1961, 1 July

**Robert Gerald John Schuyler Zeiger (1929-1999)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1959, February 22)

Ordained priest, The Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America (1976, August 10)

Archbishop Metropolitan-Primate, The Apostolic Catholic Church of the Americas (1961)

Archbishop Zeiger consecrated 1994, 14 June

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\* 1941)**

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**Vladimir Lavrentevic Vvedenskij (Vitalij, 1870-1950)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church (1891)

Archbishop of Tula, The Russian Orthodox Church (1922)

Assisted by Bishop Aleksandr (Aleksandr Ivanovic Vvedenskij), The Living Church (Živaja Cerkov') of The Russian Orthodox Church, Archbishop Vitalij consecrated 1923, 9 October

**Ioann Kedrovskij (John, 1879-1934)**

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church (1904)

Archbishop, The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (1923)

Archbishop John consecrated 1930

**Constantine [Konstantyn] Kurillo [Kuryllo] (Constantine, 1877-????)**

Ordained priest, The Catholic Church in the USA (1903)

Assisted by Very Rev Canon John Palev and Very Rev Canon Stephen Prókopzok, The Ruthenian Orthodox Church of The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, Bishop Constantine, The Ruthenian Orthodox Church of The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, consecrated 1930, 14 October

**Joseph Klimovicz [Klymowycz] (1880-1961)**

Ordained priest, The North American Diocese of The Russian Orthodox Church (1913)

Ordained priest, The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

Patriarch, The Orthodox Catholic Patriarchate of America (1950)

Assisted by Patriarch Konstantin Jaroshevitch and Bishop Nicholas Bohatyretz, both of The Orthodox Catholic Church in America, Archbishop-Primate Józef Zielonka and Bishop Petrus Williamowicz, both of The Polish Old Catholic Church of America and Europe, Patriarch Joseph consecrated 1950, 15 October

**Peter Andreas Zhurawetsky (Peter II, 1901-1994)**

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Patriarch, The Orthodox Catholic Patriarchate of America (1961)

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Archbishop Julian L. Smith, all of The North American Old Roman Catholic Church,  
Patriarch Peter II consecrated 1961, 1 July

**Robert Gerald John Schuyler Zeiger (1929-1999)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1959, February 22)

Ordained priest, The Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America (1976, August 10)

Archbishop Metropolitan-Primate, The Apostolic Catholic Church of the Americas (1961)

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**Boutros ibn Salmo Mesko (Mar Julius, 1799-1894)**

Consecrated 1846 as Mar Julius by Moran Mor Ignatius XXXII Elias II, later appointed as *Julius, Metropolitan of the World* [1872-1894 as Moran Mor Ignatius XXXIV Peter [Boutros] III/IV Patriarch].

Mar Julius consecrated as *Mar Julius, Bishop of Iona and its dependencies* (The Catholic Apostolic Church of the West [The Ancient British Church]) 1866, 2 June (old style)/1866, 6 June (new style)

**Raimond Ferrette (Mar Julius, 1828-1904)**

Ordained priest, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1855, June 2)

Mar Julius consecrated 1867, 6 March

**Richard Williams Morgan (Mar Pelagius, 1815-1889)**

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1842, October 2)

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1874)

Assisted by Bishops Frederick G. Lee, Thomas W. Mossman, John T. Seccombe, bishops of The Order of Corporate Reunion, Mar Pelagius consecrated 1879, 6 March

**Charles Isaac Stevens (Mar Theophilus, 1835-1917)**

Ordained priest, The Reformed Episcopal Church

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1889)

Assisted by Bishop Alfred S. Richardson, The Reformed Episcopal Church, Mar Theophilus consecrated 1890, 8 May

**Leon Checkemian [Khekemian] (Mar Leon, 1848-1920)**

Ordained priest, The Armenian Catholic Church (1866, November 27)

Archbishop-Primus, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church (1897)

Assisted by Patriarch Charles Isaac Stevens, The Catholic Apostolic Church of the West [The Ancient British Church], and Bishop James Martin, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church, Mar Leon consecrated 1897, 2 November

**Andrew Charles Albert [Andries Caarel Albertus] McLaglen (Mar Andries, 1851-1928)**  
Ordained priest

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1919)  
Primus, The Free Protestant Episcopal Church (1919)

Mar Andries consecrated 1922, 2 June

**Herbert James Monzani-Heard (Mar Jacobus II, 1866-1947)**  
Ordained priest, The Church of England

Patriarch, The Ancient British Church (1922)

Mar Jacobus II consecrated 1943, 13 June

**William Bernard Crow (Mar Bernard [Mar Basilius Abdullah III], 1895-1976)**  
Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1935)  
Ordained priest, The Orthodox-Keltic Church of The British Commonwealth of Nations

Patriarch, The Ancient Orthodox Catholic Church (1943)

Mar Basilius Abdullah III consecrated 1944, 10 April

**Hugh George de Willmott Newman (Mar Georgius I, 1905-1979)**  
Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church of Ireland (1938, October 23)

Catholicos-Patriarch, The Catholicate of the West-The Catholic Apostolic Church (1945)

Assisted by Bishop Richard Kenneth Hurgon, The Evangelical Catholic Communion,  
Archbishop-Exarch Charles Leslie Saul, The Catholicate of the West, Mar Georgius I  
consecrated 1946, 28 November

**Herman Philippus Abbinga (Mar Philippus, 1894-1968)**  
Ordained priest, The Liberal Catholic Church (1927)  
Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1946)

Archbishop-Primate, Oosters Apostolisch Episcopale Kerk (1952)

Archbishop Abbinga consecrated 1953, 31 May

**Perry Nikolaus Cedarholm (Mar Nikolaus, 1890-1979)**  
Ordained priest, The Methodist Episcopal Church (1918, August 24)  
Ordained priest, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1943, June 13)

Archbishop, The Apostolic Episcopal Church of Scandinavia (1970)

Archbishop Cedarholm consecrated 1971, 12 December

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (Mar Alexander, \*1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)



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**Boutros ibn Salmo Mesko (Mar Julius/Moran Mor Ignatius XXXIV Peter [Boutros] III/IV, 1799-1894)**

Consecrated 1846 as Mar Julius by Moran Mor Ignatius XXXII Elias II, 1838-1847 Patriarch of The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East

Patriarch of The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1872)

Assisted by Mar Gregorios Abd Allah of The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East and Joseph Mar Dionysios V (Joseph Pulikottil) of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Moran Mor Ignatius XXXIV Peter IV consecrated on 1876, 4 December

**Paulose Kadavil Kooran (Paulose Mar Athanasius, 1833-1907)**

Metropolitan of Kottayam of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (1876)

Assisted by Paulose Mar Ivanios (Paulose Murimattom) and Geevarghese Mar Gregorios (Geevarghese Chathurutil), Metropolitans of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Paulose Mar Athanasius consecrated on 1889, 29 July

**Antonio Francisco Xavier Alvarez (Mar Julius I, 1837-1923)**

Ordained priest of The Catholic Church in India (1864)

Metropolitan of Ceylon, Goa and India of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (1889)

Assisted by Paulose Mar Athanasius and Geevarghese Mar Gregorios, both Bishops of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Mar Julius I consecrated on 1892, 29 May

**Joseph René Vilatte (Mar Timotheus I, 1854-1929)**

Ordained priest of Christkatholische Kirche der Schweiz/L'Église catholique-chrétienne de la Suisse (1885)

Archbishop-Metropolitan of The Old Catholic Church of America (1892)

Archbishop Vilatte consecrated 1900, 6 May

**Luigi Prota Giurleo Miraglia Gulotti (Mar Paolo, 1857-1916)**

Ordained priest, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia (1879)

Bishop, Chiesa Episcopale Nazionale Italiana (1900)

Assisted by Archbishop Vilatte, Bishop Gulotti consecrated 1904, 4 December

**Ernest Louis René Houssay (Mar Julius, 1844-1912)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique de France (1867, March 16)

Archbishop-Primate, L'Église Catholique Gallicane (1908)

Archbishop Houssay consecrated 1911, 21 June

**Louis François Giraud (Mar Louis, 1876-1950)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique Gallicane (1907, June 21)

Archbishop, L'Église Catholique Gallicane (1912)

Archbishop Giraud consecrated 1913, 27 July

**Jean Baptiste Bricaud (Tau Jean II/Johanny, 1881-1934)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Catholique Française/L'Église Catholique Gallicane (1912, July 25)

Patriarch, L'Église Gnostique Universelle (1908)

Patriarch Bricaud consecrated 1918, 5 May

**Victor Alfred Blanchard (Tau Targelius/Mar Paul, 1877-1953)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Gnostique Universelle (1918, May 5)

Bishop, L'Église Syrienne d'Antioch

Bishop Blanchard consecrated 1945, 28 January

**Robert Amadou (1924-2006)**

Ordained priest, L'Église Syrienne d'Antioch (1945, January 25)

Bishop, L'Église Syrienne d'Antioch (1945)

Bishop Amadou consecrated 1988, 17 September

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\*1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Faunch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

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**Boutros ibn Salmo Mesko (Mar Julius/Moran Mor Ignatius XXXIV Peter [Boutros] III/IV, 1799-1894)**

Consecrated 1846 as Mar Julius by Moran Mor Ignatius XXXII Elias II, 1838-1847 Patriarch of The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East

Patriarch of The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (1872)

Assisted by Mar Gregorios Abd Allah of The Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East and Joseph Mar Dionysios V (Joseph Pulikottil) of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Moran Mor Ignatius XXXIV Peter IV consecrated on 1876, 4 December

**Paulose Kadavil Kooran (Paulose Mar Athanasius, 1833-1907)**

Metropolitan of Kottayam of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (1876)

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Metropolitan of Ceylon, Goa and India of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (1889)

Assisted by Paulose Mar Athanasius and Geevarghese Mar Gregorios, both Bishops of The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Mar Julius I consecrated on 1892, 29 May

**Joseph René Vilatte (Mar Timotheus I, 1854-1929)**

Ordained priest of Christkatholische Kirche der Schweiz/L'Église catholique-chrétienne de la Suisse (1885)

Exarch, The American Catholic Church (1920)

Exarch Mar Timotheus I consecrated 1923, 1 June

**John Barwell-Walker (1881-1963)**

Ordained priest, The Protestant Episcopal Church (1912, July 25)

Ordained priest, The American Catholic Church (1919, November 20)

Bishop Barwell-Walker consecrated 1961, 24 August

**Emile Federico Rodriguez Fairfield (1912-2005)**

Ordained priest, Iglesia Católica Apostólica Mexicana (1938, June 21)

Archbishop-Primate, Mexican National Catholic Church (1955)

Archbishop Fairfield consecrated 1977, 20 March

**Paul G. W. Schultz (1931-1995)**

Ordained priest, The Old Catholic Church in America (1952, January 30)

Ordained priest, The Lutheran Church (1974, October 31)

Ordained priest, Mexican National Catholic Church (1977, March 20)

Apostolic Administrator of USA, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Archbishop-Primate Jürgen W. Bless, The German Old Catholic Church in America, Archbishop-Primate Emile F. R. Fairfield, Iglesia Ortodoxa Católica Apostólica Mexicana, Archbishop-Primate Arthur Garrow, The Tridentine Old Catholic Church of the Americas, Archbishop-Primate Wallace de Ortega Maxey, The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Bishop Daniel N. McCarty, The Apostolic Catholic Church of the Americas, Archbishop-Primate Ronald R. Ramm, The Ancient Christian Fellowship, Archbishop Schultz consecrated 1986, 7 November

**Nils Bertil Alexander Persson (\*1941)**

Ordained priest, The Eastern Apostolic Episcopal Church (1969, February 2)

Ordained priest, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (1988, June 15)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1986)

Assisted by Missionary Bishop George W. Boyer, Iglesia Filipina Independiente of Great Britain, Archbishop-Primate Eric F. Eades, The Holy Celtic Church, Rev. Paul Fauch, The Church of England and Honorary Canon of The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Archbishop Persson consecrated 1992, 31 October

**Francis Cajetan Spataro (\* 1936)**

Ordained priest, The Orthodox Catholic Autocephalous Church of the United States of America (1976, December 26)

Archbishop-Primate, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (1998)

## ON ‘APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION’

Through his ordination as a priest – see *Appendixes* - and consecration as a bishop my original consecrator Perry N Cedarholm (1890-1979) is representing two theological schools on *apostolic succession* which more or less freely have been in conflict with each other. Each of them has also been soil for sundry interpretations, from serious to odd ones. In order to have the adequate understanding of this conception, it seems necessary to start from the Jewish context of its origin.

1. After a time as *disciple* [Aram.: *talmida* (sing.); Hebr.: *talmid* (sing.); Greek: *mathetes* (sing.); Latin: *discipulus* (sing.)], Jesus, his *master* [Hebrew: *rabbi*; cf. Mark 10:35], sent him out with his message, not in writing, only viva voce. This delivery of knowledge from master to disciple is a *teaching succession*.

2. Jesus and his disciples read their holy scriptures in *Tanakh* (1) in Hebrew, but their mother tongue was Aramaic. (2) When this message was propagated westward, all key-words were first translated into Greek, then into Latin, including the titles of the different officials in the Jewish congregation. (3)

3. Every Jewish *congregation* [Aram.: *kanasha*; Hebr.: *minyan* or *tzibur*; Greek: *ekklesia*; Latin: *congregatio*] was in the hands of *elders* [Aram.: *qashisha* (sing.); Hebr.: *zaken* (sing.); Greek: *presbyteros* (sing.); Latin: *senior* (sing.); English: *priest*; cf. Acts 4:8 (4)], led by an *overseer* [Aram.: *abouna*; (5) Hebr.: *paqidh*; Greek: *episkopus*; Latin: *superintendens*]. The congregation was joining in *Beith Haknesset* [Aram.: *kanushta*; Greek: *synagogae*; Latin: *ecclesia*]. The synagogue was administrated by an *official* [Aram.: *arkuna*; Hebr.: *gabi*; Greek: *arkon*; Latin: *princeps*; cf. Mark 5:22], chosen among the elders. He was assisted by *assistants* [Aram.: *shamshana* (sing.); Hebr.: *kohen* (sing.); Greek: *diakonos* (sing.); Latin: *minister* (sing.)] and *teachers* [Aram.: *malfana* (sing.) or *rabi* (sing.); Hebr.: *rabbi* (sing.) or *sopher* (sing.); Greek: *didaskalos* (sing.); Latin: *magister* (sing.)]. Each one was inaugurated by laying on of hands [cf. Acts 6:6].

4. In the biblical days *laying on of hands* [Aram.: *siam eida*; Hebr.: *s'mikhah*; Greek: *epithesis ton kheiron*; Latin: *impositio*] was symbolising authority, blessing and spiritual power. (6) The Aramaic word for a person given authority [cf. Acts 13:1-3] is *shelekha*, in Hebrew *shaliach*, in Greek *apostolos* [Latin: *apostolus*], meaning *one who is sent out [as a professional and/or as a proxy]*. (7)

As the apostle's work expanded, as guarantee against alterations it became necessary to have the message of Jesus [Greek: *euangelion*] written down and to create an organisation. The *New Testament* was composed. With the organisation of the Roman Empire as prototype, a church hierarchy began to take shape. The inner life of the synagogue was maintained as far as possible. The most important change was that overseers and teachers of practical reasons became the same persons, *elders* [cf. Acts 14:23], responsible for the teaching succession, now called *apostolic succession*. It is from this development phase as the two schools on apostolic succession have generated and both are related to the role of the overseer. In Cedarholm's case, as an example, the school represented by the apostolic succession from The Methodist Episcopal Church, the bishop is a person who by laying on of hands at a ceremony, *ordination* [from Latin *ordo*, meaning *initiate*], has been sent out as a professional elder (priest) who then at a ceremony by laying on of hands has been *consecrated* [from Latin

*consecro*, meaning *inaugurate*; Wesley: *set apart*] as an overseer, which is a commission of trust, given by elders and deputies from the congregations, who are guaranteeing the apostolic succession. A bishop of the school representing the apostolic succession from The Chaldean Catholic Church is not only through ordination a priest but as consecrated also the incarnation of the apostolic succession.

The Oriental churches, Chiesa Cattolica in Italia, (8) The Church of England and her offshoots (The Anglican Communion Worldwide) and The Union of Utrecht of the Old Catholic Churches advocate the last mentioned school. At least in Chiesa Cattolica in Italia deviations have been done. Bonifatius PP IX (1350-1404), 1389-1404 Vicarius Christi, Martinus PP V (1369 or 1370-1431), 1417-1431 Vicarius Christi, and Innocentius VIII (1432-1492), 1484-1492 Vicarius Christi, have authorised Cistercian abbots, who were only priests, to ordain priests. (9) Similar cases in The Church of England are accounted in Mathew, *op. cit.*.

John Wesley (1703-1791), the pioneer of The Methodist Episcopal Church, was of an opinion like that of Martin Luther (1483-1546), the instigator to the Evangelical-Lutheran churches. (10) Luther states, and here quotations from Althaus : "Die wahre apostolische Sukzession ist das Evangelium: wer das Evangelium rein verkündigt, der steht in der echten Sukzession. 39I, 191, 28: Haec est vera definitio Ecclesiae, non quae succedit Apostolis, sed quae confitetur, quod Christus sit filius Dei. - 39II, 176, 5.177, 1: Successio ad Evangelium est alligata... Man soll sehen, wo das Verbum ist... Ubi est verbum, ibi est Ecclesia... Credendum est episcopo, non quia succedit episcopo hujus loci, sed quia docet Evangelium. Evangelium soll die Sukzession sein." (11) With reference to 39II, 176, 5.20 Althaus continues: "Diese Kontinuität der Geistesleitung, der Bewahrung der wahren Kirche ist nun gerade nicht identisch mit der offiziellen Tradition und angeblichen apostolischen Sukzession des Kirchentums und wirt durch sie nicht garantiert." (12)

### **Notes**

- (1) *Tanakh* is the Jewish Bible, the Christian *Old Testament*. The word is made up by the three initial letters for the sections which constitute the Jewish Bible: T = *Torah* [Law], N = *Neviim* [Prophets], KH = *Kethuvim* [Writings].
- (2) Not all understood Hebrew, why the reading of the texts in the synagogue must be related in Aramaic. Such translation or paraphrase is called *targum*. Cf. Luke 4:16-21.
- (3) For illustrations of the complex of problems: Akan, *op. cit.*, pp 14-20; Lamsa, *op. cit.*, 1947, pp 13-35.
- (4) The word *priest* is derived from *prebyteros*. Priest in the Jewish tradition (Hebr. *Kohen*) can only be a person belonging to one of the following alternatives. In *Tanakh* there are three records dealing with the priesthood: "the priests of the Levites" (in *Deuteronomy*), "the priests of the sons of Aaron" (especially in *Leviticus* and *Numbers*), "the priests of the Levites, the sons of Zadok" (in *Ezekiel*). Ref. Plaut, W. Gunther (ed.), *The Torah. A Modern Commentary*, New York 2005.
- (5) In Aramaic-speaking churches the form of address to a clergyman in general is *abouna*, originally = *the respectful one*. Jesus was addressed *abouna*. When we are talking about or are writing to a bishop he is addressed *Mar*, meaning *Lord*, and an Archbishop *Maran Mar*, meaning *Lord of the Lords*.
- (6) This is nothing but a development of the Jewish ordination. Ref. *Sanhedrin* 13b/14a in *Talmud bavli* (*Babylonian Talmud*). Thereby symbolically transmitting the powers of leadership and used at rabbinic ordination. Cp. 4 Mos 27:18.
- (7) Lamsa, *op. cit.*, 1945, pp 48-49; Lamsa, *op. cit.*, 1964, p 93.

- (8) *Catechismus Romanus*, Città del Vaticano 1997, §§ 874-879, 1399, 1536, 1576.
- (9) *Enciclopedia dei Papi*, II, Roma 2000, pp 570-581 [Bonifatius PP IX]; pp 619-634 [Martinus PP V]; III, Roma 2000, pp 1-13 [Innocentius PP VIII].
- (10) Wesley was a priest of The Church of England (ordained deacon 1725, 19 September, and priest 1728, 22 September, both ceremonies performed by Bishop John Potter) in which he was inspired by creating a spiritual renewal, not to establish a new church. In order to secure the apostolate for the future work of the Methodist movement in America, Wesley was secretly consecrated in 1736, July 18, in Savannah, GA, USA, by David Nitschmann (1697-1772), 1735-1772 Bishop of Unitas Fratrum (The Moravian Church). This is evident when Wesley 1784, 2 September, “set apart as a Superintendent” Thomas Coke (1747-1814) for the Methodist Societies in America and when the societies soon become organised as The Methodist Episcopal Church. The societies in The British Isles are organised in a Congregational way. Important is the fact that Wesley was strongly influenced by his close friend Bishop Thomas Deacon (1697-1753), founder of a branch of The English Nonjurors, The True British Catholic Church (“The Manchester Nonjurors” or “The Separatists”). Ref.: Persson, Bertil, *The Apostolic Succession of The English Nonjurors and of The Scottish Episcopal Church and their role in the formation of the Apostolic Succession of The Protestant Episcopal Church*, Solna 2001. The origin and development of the apostolic succession of The Methodist Episcopal Church is accounted in Persson, Bertil, *A Brief Biographical Sketch on Axel Z. Fryxell. With a short notice on the origin and the development of ‘apostolic succession’*, Solna 2001.
- (11) Althaus, *op. cit.*, p 295 note 37. The references in the text are to *Weimar Ausgabe*, Weimar 1883 ff, of Luther’s works.
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## *Appendix 1*

### **The Priestly Apostolic Succession of Perry N Cedarholm from John Wesley and The Church of England**

#### **John Potter (1674-1747)**

Bishop Potter, Bishop of Oxford of The Church of England, ordained as deacon 1725, 19 September and as priest 1728, 22 September

#### **John Benjamin Wesley (1703-1791)**

Assisted by Rev. Thomas Coke (see below) and Rev. James Creighton, Rev. Wesley ordained as deacon 1784, 1 September and as priest 1784, 2 September (1)

#### **Thomas Vasey (1746-1826) and Richard Whatcoat (1736-1806)**

Assisted by Rev. Vasey and Rev. Whatcoat, (2) Rev. Wesley "set apart as a Superintendent" of the Methodist Societies in America 1784, 2 September

#### **Thomas Coke (1747-1814)**

Ordained deacon, The Church of England (1770, June 10)

Ordained priest, The Church of England (1772, August 23)

Superintendent of the Methodist Societies in America (1784)

Assisted by Rev. Vasey, Rev. Whatcoat and Rev. Philip William Otterbein (3),

Superintendent Coke consecrated as Bishop-Superintendent during The Conference 1784, 27 December

#### **Francis Asbury (1745-1816)**

Ordained deacon, The Methodist Societies in America (1784, December 25)

Ordained priest, The Methodist Societies in America (1784, December 26)

Superintendent, The Methodist Episcopal Church (1784)

Assisted by Bishops Philip Bruce, Freeborn Garrettson (1752-1827), Jesse Lee (1758-1816) and Thomas Ware (1758-1842), Bishop Asbury consecrated as Bishop during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1808, 17 May

#### **William McKendree (1757-1816)**

Bishop McKendree (4) consecrated as Bishops during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1816, 17 May

#### **Enoch George (1767-1828) and Robert Richford Roberts (1778-1843)**

Bishops George and Roberts consecrated as Bishops during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1824, 28 May

#### **Elijah Hedding (1780-1852) and Joshua Soule (1781-1867)**

Bishops Hedding, Soule and Robert Richford Roberts consecrated as Bishop during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1832, 22 May

#### **James Osgood Andrew (1794-1871)**

Bishops Robert Richford Roberts, Joshua Soule, Elijah Hedding and Andrew consecrated as Bishops during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1836, 24 June

**Beverly Waugh (1789-1858) and Thomas Asbury Morris (1794-1874)**

Bishops Joshua Soule, Elijah Hedding, Waugh and Morris consecrated as Bishop during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1844, 10 June

**Edmund Storer Janes (1807-1876)**

Bishops Beverly Waugh, Thomas Asbury Morris and Janes consecrated as Bishop during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1852, 27 May

**Levi Scott (1802-1882)**

He consecrated as Bishop during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1880, 19 May

**Cyrus David Foss (1834-1910)**

He consecrated as Bishop during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1904, 24 May

**William Frazer McDowell (1858-1937)**

He consecrated as Bishop during The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church 1916, 29 May (5)

**Thomas Nicholson (1862-1944)**

He ordained as Elder during The Western Conference at Harcourt, Iowa, 1918, 24 August

**Perry N Cedarholm (1890- 1979) (6)**

*Notes*

(1) James Creighton (1737-1819) was in 1765 ordained deacon and priest of The Church of Ireland . - The first consecration was performed with Wesley as the authority while the future consecrations were performed with The General Conference as the authority. This is caused of the fact that Wesley was consecrated by David Nitschmann (1697-1772), 1735-1772 Bishop of Unitas Fratrum (The Moravian Church). Ref. Persson, Bertil, *A Brief Biographical Sketch on Johann Amos Comenius and the apostolic succession of Unitas Fratrum up to Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf*, Solna 2000.

(2) In 1787 Wesley appointed Whatcoat bishop. 12 May 1800 he was consecrated as Bishop of The Methodist Episcopal Church by Superintendents Asbury and Coke. Cf. Otterbein below.

(3) Philip William [Wilhelm] Otterbein (1726-1813) was born in Germany. In 1749 he was ordained minister of Reformierte Kirche. In 1752 he arrived at America. In 1759 he became pastor of the Second German Reformed Church, Baltimore. In 1789 he organized The United Brethren in Christ (sometimes called "The German Methodists"). 12 May 1800 he was consecrated by Superintendents Asbury and Coke. 25 September 1800 he was elected Bishop of The United Brethren in Christ. Ref. *The History of Methodism*, Vol. I, Nashville 1964, pp 94-95; *The National Cyclopædia of American Biography*, Vol. X, New York 1900, p 504.

(4) Asbury died 31 March 1816 on his way to The General Conference.

(5) Bishop McDowell ordained Cedarholm deacon 30 August 1914 in Galisburg, IL.

(6) The present author has composed the chain of bishops strictly according to Wesley's instruction why it differs in some cases from the list available at General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church, Madison, NJ, USA. Up until 1864, the rite of ordaining a bishop accompanying the imposition of hands has followed the following wording instructed by Wesley:

“Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Superintendent in the church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen*. And remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is given thee by this imposition of our hands; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but the power, and love, and soberness.”

Quotation from *Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, 1792, p 263.

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## *Appendix 2*

### **The Priestly Apostolic Succession of Perry N Cedarholm from John Wesley tracing back to Chiesa Cattolica in Italia and Unitas Fratrum (The Moravian Church)**

#### **Conrad [de/von] Vechta (d. 1431)**

Consecrated 9 June 1410 as Bishop of Olomucenses (Olomouc in today's Slovakia)

Archbishop of Praha (1413)

Archbishop and leader of The Utraquist Church [The National Church, "The Calixtine Church"] (1421)

He consecrated September 1420

#### **Nicholaus Philibert / von Pilgram/Pilhrimov/Niclaus vom Sande (d.1459)**

Bishop of the Taborites

He consecrated 14 September 1434 as Waldenserbishops

#### **Friedrich Nemez/Reiser/Friedrich den Deutschen (1401/02-1458)**

and

#### **Johann Wlach/Johann den Welschen**

Who both consecrated as Waldenserbishop

#### **Stephan von Basel (1410-1469)**

Assisted by Johann Wlach, he consecrated (before 19 September) 1467

#### **Michael Bradacius/Zamberg/Bradatz (d. 1504)**

Originally ordained priest for The Catholic Church

Archbishop of Unitas Fratrum (1467). [Jednota Bratrská/Unitas Fratrum was founded in 1467 by Gregory "Patriarch", dead 1473. He was not a bishop.] Resigned 1467 in favor of Matthias von Kunwald

He consecrated 1467

#### **Matthias von Kunwald/Conwaldensis (1442-1500)**

Archbishop 1467-1500

He consecrated 1499

#### **Elias von Chrenow/Elias von Krschenow (d. 1503)**

and

#### **Thomas von Přelouč (d. 1517)**

Archbishop 1500-1517

Assisted by Elias von Chrenow/Elias von Krschenow, von Prelouc consecrated 1500

#### **Lukaš Praský [von Prag] (1460-1528)**

Archbishop 1517-1528

Assisted by Ambrose von Skuc, Daniel Hranicky and Wenzel Wroutecky, he consecrated 1517 (1)

**Martin Škoda (d. 1532)**

Archbishop 1528-1532

Assisted by Wenzel Wroutecky and Daniel Hranicky, he consecrated September 1529

**Johann Roh (Horn) Cornu (1490-1547)**

Archbishop 1532-1547

Assisted by Jan Augusta, Wenzel Wroutecky and Daniel Hranicky, he consecrated 1537 (2)

**Mathias/Mach Sionsky (d. 1552)**

He consecrated 1550

**Matthias Strejc/Streyc (Vetter) (d. 1555)**

Assisted by Paul Paulin, he consecrated 5 June 1553 (3)

**Johannes Czerny/Johannes Nigrinus (d. 1565)**

Assisted by Matthias Czerwenka, he consecrated 24 August 1557 (4)

**George Israel (1505-1588)**

President 1572-1588

He consecrated 11 October 1571

**Johann Kalef (d. 1588)**

President 1588

Assisted by Jan Aeneas and Zacharias Ariston, he consecrated 1587 (5)

**Samuel Theophilus Turnovius (d. 1608)**

President 1594-1608

Assisted by Jacob Narcissus and Zacharias Ariston, he consecrated 5 May 1601 (6)

**Johannes Lanetius (d. 1626)**

President 1611-1626

Assisted by Matthias Konecny and Matthias Cyrus, he consecrated 6 October 1612 (7)

**Gregory Erastus (d. 1643)**

President 1629-1643

Assisted by Daniel Mikolajewski and Paul Paliurus, he consecrated 6 October 1632

**Laurentius Justinus (d. 1648)**

President 1643-1648

and

**Johann Amos Comenius [Jan Amos Komenský] (1592-1670)**

President 1648-1670

Assisted by Johann Amos Comenius, Justinus consecrated 15 April 1644

**Johannes Büttner/Johannes Byttnerus (1602-1675)**

and

**Martin Gertich (1610-1657)**

Büttner consecrated 5 November 1662

**Peter Figulus (Jablonsky) (1619-1670)**

Büttner consecrated 28 October 1673

**Adam Samuel Hartmann (d. 1691)**

He consecrated 13 August 1676

**Johann Zugehör (d. 1698)**

He consecrated 26 June 1692

**Joachim Jülich/Gülich (d. 1703)**

He consecrated 10 March 1699

**Daniel Ernst Jablonsky (1660-1741)**

He consecrated 13 March 1735 (8)

**David Nitschmann (1697-1772)**

In Savannah, Georgia, he consecrated 18 July 1736 (9)

**John Benjamin Wesley (10)**

*Notes*

(1) Ambrose von Skuc (d. 1520) was consecrated 1500. Daniel Hranicky and Wenzel Wroutecky were consecrated at the same time 1516 by Thomas von Přelouč (d. 1517), who was assisted by Lukaš Praský and Ambrose von Skuc.

(2) Jan Augusta (1492-1572) was consecrated 14 April 1532. 1547-1572 President.

(3) Paul Paulin (d. 1564) was supposedly consecrated at the same time as Bishops Hranicky and Wroutecky.

(4) Matthias Czerwenka (1521-1569) was consecrated 5 June 1553.

(5) Jan Aeneas (d. 1594) was consecrated 30 August 1577. 1590-1594 President. Zacharias Ariston (Zacharias von Leitomischl, d. 1590) was consecrated 30 August 1577. 1588-1590 President.

(6) Jacob Narcissus (d. 1611) was consecrated 14 July 1594. 1608-1611 President.

(7) Matthias Koezy (d. 1622) was consecrated 1609. Matthias Cyrus (d. 1618) was consecrated 1611.

(8) Jablonsky had got a written approval to the consecration from Bishop Christian Sitkovius of Thorn, Poland. Sitkovius was consecrated 1734.

(9) When Nitschmann was in USA he performed also another consecration which of unknown reasons have been kept secret. In Savannah, Georgia, he consecrated in February 1736 the first ordained minister of the Moravian Church in USA, Anton Seyfert [Seifart] (1712-1785).

(10) The chain of bishops is mainly based on researches at Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana and on information given by Daniel Ernst Jablonsky in his letter 1717 to William Wake (1657-1737), 1716-1737 Archbishop of Canterbury (predecessor of John Potter, 1737-1747 Archbishop of Canterbury), copy in Archiv der Brüder-Unität, Herrnhut. Ref. Persson, Bertil, *A Brief Biographical Sketch on Johann Amos Comenius and the apostolic succession of Unitas Fratrum up to Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf*, Solna 2000.

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