

ANTI-POPE

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Introduction

An anti-pope is one who is chosen or nominated by temporal authority in opposition to one who is canonically elected by the cardinals; or one who usurps the papacy.

The term, "anti-pope" is particularly applied to rival claimants to the papal Throne during the Great Schism of the West, 1309-1376.

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Anti-Popes

Specific anti-popes include:

Nicholas V	1328-1330
Clement VII	1378-1394
Benedict XIII	1394-1424
Clement XIII	1424-1429
Benedict XIV	1424
Felix V	1439-1449

End

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