



APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

from St. Trophimus, Apostle of the Seventy, to the present time

in the line of

THE MOST REVEREND

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Bishop to the Nations, under Apostolic Commission



1. SAINT TROPHIMUS, APOSTLE OF THE SEVENTY^{CO}

sent by Christ among the Seventy about A.D. 30 (Luke 10:1)

named in Scripture: "Trophimus an Ephesian," companion of St. Paul (Acts 20:4; 21:29; 2 Timothy 4:20)

first bishop of Arles, by the tradition of that Church

This line of apostolic succession extends from the Apostle Trophimus, about A.D. 30, to the present day, a span of 1,996 years as of 2026.

St. Trophimus, the companion of St. Paul, is honored as an apostle of the Seventy by the Eastern Orthodox Church, which keeps his feast on April 15, with the Apostles Aristarchus and Pudens, and numbers him among the Seventy Apostles honored together on January 4. The Church of Arles holds St. Trophimus as its founder and first bishop, sent from Rome, as Pope St. Zosimus wrote in A.D. 417, and venerates him as the disciple of St. Paul; the Roman Catholic Church keeps the feast of St. Trophimus of Arles on December 29.

The traditions of the Churches differ on his later life. The Orthodox tradition records that St. Paul's companion gave his life at Rome under Nero, while the Church of Arles holds him to be its founding bishop; and St. Gregory of Tours, about A.D. 590, placed the mission of Trophimus to Arles in the third century.

Consecrations to the office of bishop were made, one to the next, through the churches named below.

Some bishops in this line are also honored as saints. The marks beside their names concern holiness of life only. They do not bear on the validity of any consecration: every bishop listed holds his place in the succession equally, whether or not he is honored as a saint.

St. Saint: one whom a Church publicly honors as having lived a life of heroic holiness and as now being with God, and whose memory it keeps in its calendar. In the early Church saints were recognized by the acclaim of the faithful and their bishops; later, by formal canonization in the Roman Catholic Church and glorification in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Bl. Blessed: in the Roman Catholic Church, one who has been beatified, the formal step that precedes canonization as a saint.

C Honored as a saint or blessed by the Roman Catholic Church.

CO Honored as a saint by both the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Red Martyr: one who gave his life for the faith.

The Churches do not always agree on who is a saint. One may honor a person whom another does not, and the marks show which Church honors each.

ARLES

The See of Arles in Gaul, founded by St. Trophimus. The bishops of Arles from Dionysius, who succeeded him, to Virgilius. From this see St. Augustine received consecration for his mission to England.

2. Dionysius	80
3. Regulus	85
4. Felicissimus	100
5. Gratus	120
6. Ambrosius	145
7. Martinus	170
8. Ingenuus	180
9. Augustinus	200
10. Hieronymus	220
11. Savitius	230
12. Marcianus	240
13. Victor	250
14. Marinus	270

15. Martinus II	270
16. Nicasius	330
17. Valentinus	342
18. Saturninus	354
19. Crescentius	365
20. Concordius	380
21. Constantinus	392
22. Heros	410
23. Patroclus	422
24. St. Honoratus ^{CO}	426
25. St. Hilarius ^{CO}	438
26. Ravennius	449
27. Leontius	463
28. Aeonius	493
29. St. Caesarius ^{CO}	502
30. Auxanius	542
31. St. Aurelianus ^{CO}	546
32. Sapaudus	556

33. Licerius	586
34. St. Virgilius ^{CO}	588

CANTERBURY

The See of Canterbury, founded by St. Augustine, whom Pope St. Gregory the Great sent to bring the Gospel to the English in 597.

35. St. Augustine of Canterbury ^{CO}	597
36. St. Laurence ^{CO}	604
37. St. Mellitus ^{CO}	619
38. St. Justus ^{CO}	624
39. St. Honorius ^{CO}	627
40. St. Deusdedit ^{CO}	655
41. St. Theodore of Tarsus ^{CO}	668
42. St. Brihtwald ^{CO}	693
43. St. Tatwine ^{CO}	731
44. St. Nothelm ^{CO}	735
45. Cuthbert	740
46. St. Bregowine ^{CO}	759
47. Jaenberht	766
48. Æthelhard	793
49. Wulfred	805
50. Feologild	832
51. Ceolnoth	833
52. Æthelred	870
53. Plegmund	890
54. St. Athelm ^{CO}	914
55. Wulfhelm	923
56. St. Oda ^{CO}	942
57. St. Dunstan ^{CO}	960
58. Æthelgar	988
59. Sigeric	990
60. Ælfric	995
61. St. Ælfheah ^{CO} <i>Martyr</i>	1006

62. Lyfing	1013
63. Æthelnoth	1020
64. Eadsige	1038
65. Robert of Jumièges	1051
66. Stigand	1052
67. Lanfranc	1070
68. St. Anselm ^C	1093
69. Ralph d'Escures	1114
70. William de Corbeil	1123
71. Theobald of Bec	1139
72. St. Thomas Becket ^C <i>Martyr</i>	1162
73. Richard of Dover	1174
74. Baldwin of Forde	1185
75. Reginald Fitz Jocelin	1191
76. Hubert Walter	1193
77. Stephen Langton	1207
78. Richard le Grant	1229
79. St. Edmund Rich ^C	1234
80. Bl. Boniface of Savoy ^C	1245
81. Robert Kilwardby	1273
82. John Peckham	1279
83. Robert Winchelsey	1294
84. Walter Reynolds	1313
85. Simon Mepham	1328
86. John Stratford	1333
87. Thomas Bradwardine	1349
88. Simon Islip	1349
89. Simon Langham	1366
90. William Whittlesey	1368
91. Simon Sudbury	1375
92. William Courtenay	1381
93. Thomas Arundel	1396
94. Henry Chichele	1414
95. John Stafford	1443

96. John Kemp	1452
97. Thomas Bouchier	1454
98. John Morton	1486
99. Henry Deane	1501
100. William Warham	1503
101. Thomas Cranmer	1533

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

After the Reformation, the bishops of the Church of England, each consecrated by the bishop listed before him.

102. John Scory	1551
103. Matthew Parker	1559
104. Edmund Grindal	1559
105. John Whitgift	1577
106. Richard Bancroft	1597
107. George Abbot	1609
108. George Montaigne	1617
109. William Laud	1621
110. Brian Duppa	1638
111. Gilbert Sheldon	1660

112. Henry Compton	1674
113. William Sancroft	1678
114. Jonathan Trelawny	1685
115. John Potter	1715
116. Thomas Herring	1738
117. Frederick Cornwallis	1750
118. John Moore	1775

AMERICA

From William White, consecrated at Lambeth Palace in 1787 for the Church in the United States, to the bishops who have carried this succession to the present day.

119. William White	1787
120. Benjamin Treadwell Onderdonk	1830
121. Samuel Allen McCoskry	1836
122. William Edward McLaren	1875
123. William Montgomery Brown	1898
124. Wallace David de Ortega Maxey	1927
125. Nils Bertil Alexander Persson	1986
126. Samuel Guido, Jr.	2004

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SHARED SUCCESSION WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The present Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, and Bishop Byers share the same line of apostolic succession from St. Trophimus down to Thomas Herring (consecrated 1738; Archbishop of Canterbury 1747–1757). By his own hands Archbishop Herring consecrated the bishops from whom both lines descend: in the line of Archbishop Mullally, Robert Hay Drummond, in 1748; in the line of Bishop Byers, Frederick Cornwallis, in 1750.



HOLY ORDERS

Ordination

August 17, 2008, by the laying on of hands, at St. Paul's Lutheran Orthodox Chapel, Palmerton, Pennsylvania.

Consecration to the Holy Order of Bishop

April 20, 2013, by the laying on of hands during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at St. Paul's Lutheran Orthodox Chapel, meeting that day at American Legion Post 16, Slatington, Pennsylvania.

Principal consecrator

The Most Reverend Samuel Guido, Jr.

Co-consecrators

Bishop Bradley A. Varvil

Bishop Michael Byus

Bishop James Thompson

The certificates of ordination and consecration, with photographs of the consecration, are presented on the [About the Bishop](#) page.

SERVICE

Consecrated to the Holy Order of Bishop on April 20, 2013, within the Lutheran Orthodox Church, Inc., in which he subsequently served as Archbishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Bishop Byers is no longer affiliated with that body.

Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*), conferred by the Lutheran Orthodox Church, Inc., April 20, 2013.



St. Trophimus, Romanesque carving, twelfth century, cloister of St. Trophime, Arles. Photograph by SiefkinDR, via [Wikimedia Commons](#), released into the public domain by the photographer; cropped and resized from the original.