The EPISCOPAL LINEAGE

of

The MOST REVEREND

DAVID AUSTIN KONDERLA,

BISHOP of TULSA
DAVID AUSTIN KONDERLA, Bishop of Tulsa. Ordained bishop 29 June 2016 in the Donald W. Reynolds Center Arena, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Paul Stagg Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City, assisted by Edward James Slattery, Bishop emeritus of Tulsa, and Joseph Steven Vasquez, Bishop of Austin.


JOSEPH LOUIS BERNARDIN, Titular Bishop of Lugura and Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta. Ordained bishop 26 April 1966 in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Charleston, South Carolina, by Paul John Hallinan, Archbishop of Atlanta, assisted by Ernest Leo Unterkoefler, Bishop of Charleston and Francis Frederick Reh, Titular Bishop of Macriana in Mauritania.


PROSPERO LAMBERTINI, Titular Archbishop of Theodosia (the future Pope Benedict XIV). Ordained bishop 16 July 1724 in the Pauline Chapel of the Apostolic Palace of the Quirinal, Rome, by His Holiness Pope Benedict XIII, assisted by Giovanni Francesco Nicolai, O.F.M. Ref., Titular Archbishop of Myra and Nicola Maria Lercari, Titular Archbishop of Nazianzus.


PALUZZO (PALUZZI DEGLI ALBERTONI) ALTIERI, Cardinal Bishop of Montefigliano e Corneto. Ordained bishop 2 May 1666 in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, Rome, by Ulderico Cardinal Carpegna, assisted by Stefano Ugolini, Titular Archbishop of Corinth and Giovanni Tommaso Pinelli, Bishop of Albenga.

ULDERICO CARPEGNA, Bishop of Gubbio. Ordained bishop 7 October 1630 in the Pauline Chapel of the Apostolic Palace of the Quirinal, Rome, by Luigi Cardinal Caetani, assisted by Antonio Ricciulli, Bishop emeritus of Belcastro and Vicegerent of Rome, and Benedetto Landi, Bishop of Fossombrone.


SCIPIONE REBIBA, Titular Bishop of Amicle and Auxiliary of Chieti. Elected Titular Bishop of Amicle and Auxiliary to Giovanni Pietro Cardinal Carafa, Archbishop of Chieti, 16 March 1541. Ordained bishop 14 May 1541. To date, after extensive research, no record of his episcopal ordination, other than the date, has been found.

NOTES

Until 1965, the episcopal genealogies prepared for most bishops showed Pope Alexander VII as the consecrator of Cardinal Palazzo Altieri, and those genealogies had a lineage reaching back to the early 1400’s. In the mid 1960’s, a contemporary account of Cardinal Palazzo Altieri’s consecration, published in the Gazette de France, was found. This account revealed that Pope Alexander VII became ill shortly before the ceremony and was replaced as consecrator by Cardinal Ulderico Carpegna. This change in consecrators is very significant and fundamentally changes the previously published genealogies, resulting in lineages which end in the year 1541.

Episcopal lineages have long fascinated students of church history. It was not until the middle of the twentieth century, however, that a systematic attempt was made to trace and catalogue the consecrations of bishops on a world-wide basis. A small group of researchers has catalogued the consecrations of tens of thousands of bishops dating back many centuries. The fruits of their labors - labors which are on-going - have resulted in a data base which can trace the episcopal lineage of any living bishop and the vast majority of deceased bishops.

One startling fact emerges from this research: more than 95% of the more than 5,300 bishops alive today trace their orders back to a single bishop named in 1541 - Scipione Rebiba. Why so many bishops should trace their lineages to this one bishop can be explained, in great part, by the intense sacramental activity of Pope Benedict XIII, who ordained at least 159 bishops before and during his pontificate, many of them cardinals, municius and bishops of important sees who in turn ordained many other bishops. And it is the consecrator of Benedict XIII who gives us the direct link to Scipione Rebiba.

It is widely believed that Rebiba was ordained bishop by Gian Pietro Cardinal Carafa, who became Pope Paul IV, but no documentation of his ordaining bishop has been found and therefore we must stop at Rebiba.

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