

# Apostolic Lines of Succession for ✦ The Right Rev. Dewayne Messenger ✦

**“Have you an apostolic succession? Unfold the line of your bishops.”**

*Tertullian, 3rd century A.D.*

A special visible expression of Apostolic Succession is given in the consecration/ordination of a bishop through the laying on of hands by other bishops who have, themselves, been ordained in the same manner through a succession of bishops leading back to the apostles of Jesus. The role of the bishop must always be understood within the context of the authentic handing on of the faith from one generation to the next generation of the whole Church, beginning with the Christian community of the time of the Apostles. Thus, as the Church is the continuation of the apostolic community, so the bishops are the continuation of the ministry of the college of the apostles of Jesus within that apostolic community. It is essentially collegial rather than monarchical. This tradition is affirmed in the teaching ministry of Church leadership, and authentically celebrated in the sacraments, with particular attention to the sacrament of holy orders (ordination) and the laying on of hands. Apostolic Succession is the belief of Catholic Christians that the bishops are successors of the original apostles of Jesus. This is understood as the bishops being ordained into the episcopal collegium or “sacramental order.”

*More than ninety percent of Catholic bishops active today trace their episcopal lineage back to one bishop ordained in 1541, Scipione Rebiba. The records and documentation from Rebiba, 1541 to the present, are available for study; however, many of the records and documentation prior to 1541 cannot be located or are incomplete.*

## **Main Apostolic Line Through Co-Consecrator** **Steve Michael Rosczewski**

*With various other lineage through the Apostolic Episcopal Church and  
the Orthodox Catholic Church*

Gian Pietro Carafa, (later elected as Paul IV) Roman Catholic Bishop of Chieti,  
in 1555 consecrated Scipione Rebiba.

Scipione Rebiba, Roman Catholic Bishop of Pisa,  
in 1566 consecrated Giulio Antonio Santori.

Giulio Antonio Santori, Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Severina,  
in 1568 consecrated Girolamo Bernerio, O.P.

Girolamo Bernerio, O.P., Roman Catholic Bishop of Ascoli Piceno,  
in 1604 consecrated Galeazzo Sanvitale.

Galeazzo Sanvitale, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bari,  
in 1621 consecrated Ludovico Ludovisi.

Ludovico Ludovisi, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bologna,  
in 1622 consecrated Luigi Caetani.

Luigi Caetani, Roman Catholic Bishop of Capua,  
in 1630 consecrated Giovanni Battista Scannaroli.

Giovanni Battista Scannaroli, Roman Catholic Titular Bishop of Sidon,  
in 1655 consecrated Antonio Barberini.

Antonio Barberini, Roman Catholic Bishop of Frascati,  
in 1668 consecrated Charles Maurice LeTellier, S.J.

Charles Maurice LeTellier, S.J., Roman Catholic Bishop of Rheims,  
in 1670 consecrated Jacques Benigne Boussuet.

Jacques Benigne Boussuet, Roman Catholic Bishop of Meaux,  
in 1693 consecrated Jacques Goyon DeMatignon.

Jacques Goyon DeMatignon, Roman Catholic Bishop,  
in 1719 consecrated Dominique Marie Varlet.

Dominique Marie Varlet, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ascalon,  
in 1739 consecrated Petrus Johannes Meindaerts.

Petrus Johannes Meindaerts, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,  
in 1745 consecrated Johannes van Stiphout.

Johannes van Stiphout, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,  
in 1768 consecrated Gualterus Michael van Niewenhuizen.

Gualterus Michael van Niewenhuizen, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,  
in 1778 consecrated Adrian Johannes Broekman.

Adrian Johannes Broekman, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,  
in 1797 consecrated Johannes Jacobus van Rhijn.

Johannes Jacobus van Rhijn, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,  
in 1805 consecrated Gilbert Cornelius de Jong.

Gilbert Cornelius de Jong, Old Catholic Bishop of Deventer,  
in 1814 consecrated Willibord van Os.

Willibord van Os, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,  
in 1819 consecrated Johannes Bon.

Johannes Bon, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,  
in 1824 consecrated Johannes van Santen.

Johannes van Santen, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,  
in 1854 consecrated Hermann Johannes Heykamp.

Hermann Johannes Heykamp, Old Catholic Bishop of Deventer,  
in 1873 consecrated Casparus Johannes Rinkel.

Casparus Johannes Rinkel, Old Catholic Bishop of Haarlem,  
in 1892 consecrated Gerard Gul.

Gerard Gul, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,  
in 1908 consecrated Arnold Harris Mathew.

Arnold Harris Mathew, Old Catholic Bishop of Great Britain,  
in 1913 consecrated Rudolphe Francois Edouard Hamilton.

Rudolphe Francois Edouard Hamilton, Old Catholic Bishop  
in 1916 consecrated Henry Carmel Carfora.

Henry Carmel Carfora, Old Catholic Bishop for America,  
in 1926 consecrated Jose Macario Lopez y Valdes.

Jose Macario Lopez y Valdes, Bishop of the Mexican National Catholic Church,  
in 1930 consecrated Alberto Luis Rodriguez y Durand.

Alberto Luis Rodriguez y Durand, Bishop of Mexican National Catholic Church,  
in 1955 consecrated Emile Federico Rodriguez y Fairfield.

Emile Federico Rodriguez y Fairfield, Bishop of the Mexican National Catholic Church,  
in 1983 consecrated Patrick Joseph Callahan.

Patrick Joseph Callahan, Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of California,  
in 1985 consecrated R. Augustin Sicard.

R. Augustin Sicard, Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of the Americas,  
in 1995 consecrated C. Daniel Gincig.

C. Daniel Gincig, Bishop of the American Old Catholic Church of Colorado,  
in 1996 consecrated Peter Elder Hickman.

Peter Elder Hickman, Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion,  
in 2011 consecrated Steven Michael Roszczewski

And Steven Michael Roszczewski with Co-Consecrators Bishop Michael Scalzi, and  
Martin Shanahan from the Old Catholic Communion  
along with Co-Consecrators Bishop Rick Hollingsworth, and Bishop Rafael Adams, ofr  
of the Catholic Diocese of Mid-America  
on April 20, 2024 consecrated Dewayne Messenger.

**Main Apostolic Line Through Co-Consecrator,  
Richard Kent Hollingsworth:**

*With various other lineage through Ancient British Church, the Free Protestant Episcopal Church, the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Apostolic Episcopal Church, and the Protestant Episcopal Church*

Joseph Rene Vilatte, episcopus vagans,  
in 1918 consecrated Victor J. Alexander de Kubinyi.

Henry Carmel Carfora, Old Catholic Bishop for America,  
in 1925 consecrated Victor J. Alexander de Kubinyi.

Victor J. Alexander de Kubinyi.  
in 1934, co-consecrated Charles William Keller.

Charles William Keller, Apostolic Episcopal Church,  
in 1945 consecrated Hugh George de Willmott Newman.

Hugh George de Willmott Newman, Catholic Apostolic Church  
and Catholicate of the West,  
in 1956 consecrated Charles Dennis Boltwood.

Charles Dennis Boltwood, Free Protestant Episcopal Church,  
in 1966 consecrated Albert J. Fuge, Sr.

Albert J. Fuge, Sr., Free Protestant Episcopal Church,  
in 1972 consecrated John Lawrence Brown.

John Lawrence Brown, Free Protestant Episcopal Church,  
in 1975 consecrated Donald Lawrence Jolly-Gabriel.

Donald Lawrence Jolly-Gabriel, Independent Catholic Church International,  
in 1991 consecrated Mark Steven (Shirey) Shirilau.

Mark Steven (Shirey) Shirilau, Ecumenical Catholic Church,  
in 2004 consecrated Richard Kent Hollingsworth  
for the Ecumenical Anglican Church,

and Richard Kent Hollingsworth with Co-Consecrators Rafael Adams, Bishop Michael Scalzi and Bishop Steven M. Roszczewski and Bishop Martin Shanahan  
on April 20, 2024 consecrated Dewayne Messenger  
for the Catholic Diocese of Mid-America.

## **Main Apostolic Line Through Co-Consecrator, Rafael Adams:**

Gerard Gul, Old Catholic Bishop of Utrecht,  
in 1908 consecrated Arnold Harris Mathew,

Arnold Harris Mathew, Old Catholic Bishop of Great Britain  
on June 29, 1913 consecrated  
Rudolf De Landis Berghes as the Old Catholic Missionary to Scotland

Rulolf de Landis Burghes  
on October 4, 1916, consecrated Carmel Henry Carfora

Carmel Henry Carfora of the North American Old Roman Catholic Church  
on July 30, 1942, consecrated Hubert Augusts Rogers

Hubert Augustus Rogers of the North American Old Roman Catholic Church  
on January 25, 1948, consecrated James Hubert Rogers

James Hubert Rogers of the North American Old Roman Catholic Church  
on February 4, 1989, consecrated Rafael Adams,

and Rafael Adams along with Richard Hollingsworth, Michael Scalzi,  
Steven Roszczewski and Martin Shanahan,  
on April 20, 2024, consecrated Dewayne Messenger

## **Secondary Apostolic Line Through Rafael Adams:**

Carmel Henry Carfora  
Richard Aurthur Marchenna,  
Gerard George Shelley  
John Joseph Humphries  
Rafael Adams

## **Third Apostolic Line Through Rafael Adams:**

Carmel Henry Carfora  
Richard Aurthur Marchenna,  
Robert Alfred Burns  
Andrew Johnson-Cantrell  
Francis Peter Facione,  
Rafael Adams

**Main Apostolic Line Through Co-Consecrator,  
Martin Kelly Shanahan:**

*Other lines not included*

**Roman Catholic**

1. Dominic Marie Varlet, Roman Catholic Bishop of Baylon (prior to his consecration, the lines of Vatican Church prevail).

**Church of Utrecht**

2. Peter John Meindaerts, Archbishop of Utrecht (October 17, 1739)
3. John van Stiphout, Bishop of Haarlem, the Netherlands (July 11, 1745)
4. Walter Michael van Nieuwenhuizen, Archbishop of Utrecht (February 7, 1768)
5. Adrian Brockman, Bishop of Haarlem (July 21, 1778)
6. John Jacob van Rhijn, Archbishop of Utrecht (July 5, 1797)
7. Gisbert de Jong, Bishop of Deventer, the Netherlands (November 7, 1805)
8. Willibrord van Os, Archbishop of Utrecht (April 24, 1814)
9. John Bon, Bishop of Haarlem (April 25, 1819)
10. John van Santon, Archbishop of Utrecht (November 13, 1825)
11. Herman Hykamp, Bishop of Deventer (July 17, 1854)
12. Gaspard John Rinkel, Bishop of Haarlem (August 11, 1873)
13. Gerard Gul, Archbishop of Utrecht, (May 11, 1892)

**British Church**

14. Arnold Harris Matthew, Regionary Old Catholic Bishop of Great Britain (April 28, 1908)
15. Rudolph Francis, Prince de Landas-Berghes, Bishop of Austria, but sent to USA during WWI, (June 29, 1913)

**American Church**

16. Henry Carmel Carfora, Archbishop of Canada for the North American Old Catholic Church (October 4, 1916)
17. Francis Xavier Resch, Archbishop of the Old Catholic Church of America (December 8, 1940)
18. Walter Xavier Brown, Archbishop of the Old Catholic Church of America (August 25, 1963)

19. Jack Earl (Cyprian) Holman, Missionary Bishop of Minnesota (March 15, 1969)
20. Carl Allen Jimenez, Bishop of the Old Catholic Church, Matthew Succession (February 22, 1997)
21. Robert T. Fuentes, Bishop of the Old Catholic Diocese of Napa (July 11, 2004)
22. Martin Kelly Shanahan Jr., Bishop of Holy Cross Old Catholic Diocese of Minesota (October 29, 2016)
23. and, Martin Shanahan along with Steven Rosczewski, Michael Scalzi, Richard Hollingsworth, and, Rafael Adams on April 20, 2024, consecrated Dewayne Messenger