Chronology of Key Pontificates, Events, and Works

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325: Council of Nicaea
Siricius (384–399) 381: Council of Constantinople I
385: first papal decretal
Leo I (440–461) c.450: galleries of papal portraits from St Peter begin in basilicas of St Peter and San Paolo fuori le mura
451: Council of Chalcedon
Gelasius I (492–496) c.500: Collectio Dionysiana
553: Council of Constantinople II
6th century: Liber Pontificalis begins to be compiled
Gregory I (590–604) 597: Augustine’s mission to the Anglo-Saxons
649: Lateran Council of 649
715–52: Boniface communicates with popes about his missionary activity in modern-day Germany
754: Promise of Quierzy
Hadrian I (772–795) 774: Charlemagne asks pope for canonical collection
778: Council of Nicaea II
8th century: Lateran begins to be rebuilt as a veritable palace; Donation of Constantine
Leo III (795–816) 800: Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor at St Peter’s Basilica
843: final defeat of iconoclasm in East
850: Pseudo-Isidorian Forgeries
Nicholas I (858–867) 866: Responsa ad consulta Bulgarorum
John VIII (872–882) 879–880: Council of Constantinople III
900–910: first evidence of usage of pointed hat for popes, i.e. the tiara
1046: Emperor Henry III deposes three claimants to papal see at Sutri and imposes own choice
Leo IX (1049–1054) 1049: Council of Reims
1054: mutual anathemas exchanged among members of western and eastern churches
1059: Papal election decree
1060: Farfa assists pope in seizing castles in Latium
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| 1088–1099 | Urban II | 1095: launch of First Crusade  
1099: Jerusalem falls to crusader army |
| 1119–1124 | Callixtus II | 1119: Council of Reims  
1122: Concordat of Worms  
post 1122: Lateran paintings depicting victory of popes over antipopes/imperial popes  
1122–1129: popes create network of *castra specialia* |
| 1130–1143 | Innocent II | c.1130–1138: wall paintings of San Nicola  
1135: Council of Pisa  
1139: Second Lateran Council  
c.1140: Gratian's *Decretum* |
| 1145–1153 | Eugene III | 1148: Council of Reims  
1149–51, 1157–59: patrimony acquires 30 additional castles; launch of Second Crusade |
| 1159–1181 | Alexander III | 1163: Council of Tours  
1175: Synod of Westminster cites decretal of living pope  
1179: Third Lateran Council  
1187: Jerusalem fall to Saladin's army; launch of Third Crusade  
c.1192: *Liber Censuum*  
2nd half of 12th century: Cistercian missions to Livonia; establishment of *cancellaria apostolica* |
| 1198–1216 | Innocent III | 1198: prefect of Rome swears liege homage to pope; earliest evidence of new papal throne, the *cathedra beati Petri*  
1200: launch of Fourth Crusade  
1201: Capitulation of Neuss |