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The Next Papal Conclave: Current Eligible Electors

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The election of the Roman Pontiff has been reserved to the College of Cardinals since late in the 13th century. Under current ecclesiastical law (John Paul II, ap. con. [Universi Dominici gregis](#), 1996) all those, but only those, cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to vote, except that cardinals whose names remained reserved by the pope "*in pectore*" would be ineligible (UDG 33, 36). There are presently **117** cardinals, some of them retired (emeritus) from their last posts, eligible to vote in [the next papal conclave](#) (this number occasionally went over the papally self-imposed limit of 120). Voting is secret and politicking is prohibited (UDG 79-83), but the following "blocs" are noteworthy: approximately 30 Europeans (outside Italy); 20 Italians; 18 Latin Americans; 11 Americans (plus at least 7 more from heavily Anglo-cultures); and 9 Emergent Africans.

Cardinal	Country	Posted to	Turns 80	Appt.
Cé	Italy	Venice (emer)	Jul 08, 2005	JP II
Álvarez Martínez	Spain	Toledo (emer)	Jul 14, 2005	JP II
Razafindratandra	Madagascar	Antananarivo	Aug 07, 2005	JP II
Falcão	Brazil	Brasilia	Oct 23, 2005	JP II
Panafieu	France	Marseilles	Jan 26, 2006	JP II
Obando Bravo	Nicaragua	Managua	Feb 02, 2006	JP II
Agré	Ivory Coast	Abidjan	Mar 02, 2006	JP II

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Connell 	Ireland	Dublin	Mar 24, 2006	JPII
Cacciavillan	Italy	Roman Curia  ✠ (emer)	Aug 14, 2006	JPII
Jaworski	Ukraine	Lviv of the Latins	Aug 21, 2006	JPII
Lustiger	France	Paris	Sep 17, 2006	JPII
Carles Gordó	Spain	Barcelona	Sep 24, 2006	JPII
Baum 	USA	Roman Curia  ✠ (emer)	Nov 21, 2006	P6
Wamala	Uganda	Kampala	Dec 15, 2006	JPII
Medina Estévez	Chile	Roman Curia  ✠(emer)	Dec 23, 2006	JPII
Suárez Rivera	Mexico	Monterrey (emer)	Jan 09, 2007	JPII
Martini	Italy	Milan (emer)	Feb 15, 2007	JPII
Quezada-Toruno	Guatamala	Guatamala City	Mar 08, 2007	JPII
Martínez Somalo	Spain	Roman Curia  ✠	Mar 31, 2007	JPII
Ratzinger (Dean)	Germany	Roman Curia  ✠	Apr 16, 2007	P6
Paskai	Hungary	Eszterg-Buda. (emer)	May 08, 2007	JPII
Macharski	Poland	Krakow	May 20, 2007	JPII
Vithayathil	India	Syro-Malabars	May 29, 2007	JPII
Szoka 	USA	Roman Curia  ✠	Sep 14, 2007	JPII
Sodano	Italy	Roman Curia  ✠	Nov 23, 2007	JPII
Martino	Italy	Roman Curia  ✠	Nov 23, 2007	JPII
Schied	Brazil	Rio De Janiero	Dec 08, 2007	JPII
Lozana Barragan	Spain	Roman Curia  ✠	Jan 26 2008	JPII
Wetter	Germany	Munich & Freising	Feb 20, 2008	JPII
Biffi	Italy	Bologna	Jun 13, 2008	JPII
Shirayanagi	Japan	Tokyo (emer)	Jun 17, 2008	JPII
Amigo Vallejo	Spain	Seville	Aug 23, 2008	JPII
Sin	Philippines	Manila (emer)	Aug 31, 2008	P6
Kitbunchu	Thailand	Bangkok	Jan 25, 2009	JPII
Pompedda	Italy	Roman Curia  ✠(emer)	Apr 18, 2009	JPII
Marchisano	Italy	Roman Curia  ✠ (emer)	Jun 25, 2009	JPII
Castrillón Hoyos	Colombia	Roman Curia  ✠	Jul 04, 2009	JPII
Bertone	Italy	Genoa	Dec 02, 2009	JPII
Glemp	Poland	Warsaw	Dec 18, 2009	JPII
Pham Minh Man	Vietnam	Ho Chi City	--, 2009	JPII
Ambrozic 	Canada	Toronto	Jan 27, 2010	JPII
Casado Herranz	Spain	Roman Curia  ✠	Mar 31, 2010	JPII

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Rigali 	USA	Philadelphia	Apr 19, 2010	JP II
Hamao	Japan	Roman Curia  	Mar 09, 2010	JP II
Maida 	USA	Detroit	Mar 18, 2010	JP II
Williams 	New Zealand	Wellington (emer)	Mar 20, 2010	JP II
McCarrick 	USA	DC	Jul 07, 2010	JP II
Poupard	France	Roman Curia  	Aug 30, 2010	JP II
De Giorgi	Italy	Palermo	Sep 06, 2010	JP II
Daoud	Syria	Roman Curia  	Sep 18, 2010	JP II
Giordano	Italy	Naples	Sep 26, 2010	JP II
Tumi	Cameroon	Douala	Oct 15, 2010	JP II
Pujats	Latvia	Riga	Nov 14, 2010	JP II
Etsou-Nzabi-Bam.	Congo	Kinshasa	Dec 03, 2010	JP II
Vidal	Philippines	Cebu	Feb 06, 2011	JP II
Ruini	Italy	Roman Curia  	Feb 19, 2011	JP II
Keeler 	USA	Baltimore	Mar 04, 2011	JP II
Sebastiani	Italy	Roman Curia  	Apr 11, 2011	JP II
Olubunmi Okogie	Nigeria	Lagos	Jun 16, 2011	JP II
Law 	USA	Boston (emer)	Nov 04, 2011	JP II
Antonelli	Italy	Florence	Nov 18, 2011	JP II
Simonis	Netherlands	Utrecht	Nov 26, 2011	JP II
Saraiva Martins	Portugal	Roman Curia  	Jan 06, 2012	JP II
Nicora	Italy	Roman Curia  	Mar 16, 2012	JP II
Egan 	USA	New York	Apr 02, 2012	JP II
Vlk	Czech Repub.	Prague	May 17, 2012	JP II
Schwery	Switzerland	Sion	Jun 14, 2012	JP II
Stafford 	USA	Roman Curia  	Jul 26, 2012	JP II
Murphy-O'Connor 	England	Westminster	Aug 24, 2012	JP II
Rubiano Sáenz	Colombia	Bogotá	Sep 13, 2012	JP II
Arinze	Nigeria	Roman Curia  	Nov 01, 2012	JP II
Husar	Ukraine	Lviv of Ukr.	Feb 26, 2013	JP II
Kasper	Germany	Roman Curia  	Mar 05, 2013	JP II
O'Brien 	Scotland	Edinburgh	Mar 17, 2013	JP II
Poletto	Italy	Turin	Mar 18, 2013	JP II
Sandoval Iñiguez	Mexico	Guadalajara	Mar 28, 2013	JP II
Danneels	Belgium	Mesch.-Brussels	Jun 04, 2013	JP II

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Errázuriz Ossa	Chile	Santiago	Sep 05, 2013	JPII
Agnelo	Brazil	Sao Salv, d. Bahia	Oct 19, 2013	JPII
Meisner	Germany	Cologne	Dec 25, 2013	JPII
Re	Italy	Roman Curia 🇮🇹	Jan 30, 2014	JPII
Tettamanzi	Italy	Genoa	Mar 14, 2014	JPII
Hummes	Brazil	Sao Paolo	Aug 08, 2014	JPII
Darmaatmadja	Indonesia	Jakarta	Dec 20, 2014	JPII
Toppo	India	Ranchi	Oct 15 , 2015	JPII
López Trujillo	Colombia	Roman Curia 🇨🇴	Nov 08 , 2015	JPII
Sterzinsky	Germany	Berlin	Feb 09, 2016	JPII
Policarpo	Portugal	Lisbon	Feb 26, 2016	JPII
Mahony 🇺🇸	USA	Los Angeles	Feb 27, 2016	JPII
Zubeir Wako	Sudan	Khartoum	Feb 27, 2016	JPII
Terrazas Sandoval	Bolivia	Santa Cruz	Mar 07, 2016	JPII
Dias	India	Bombay	Apr 14, 2016	JPII
Lehmann	Germany	Mainz	May 16, 2016	JPII
Pell 🇦🇺	Australia	Sydney	Jun 08, 2016	JPII
Turcotte 🇨🇦	Canada	Montreal	Jun 26, 2016	JPII
Rouco Varela	Spain	Madrid	Aug 24, 2016	JPII
Ortega y Alamino	Cuba	Havana	Oct 18, 2016	JPII
López Rodriguez	Dom. Republic	Santo Domingo	Oct 31, 2016	JPII
Scola	Italy	Venice	Nov 7, 2016	JPII
Bergoglio	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Dec 17, 2016	JPII
George 🇺🇸	USA	Chicago	Jan 16, 2017	JPII
Backis	Lithuania	Vilnius	Feb 01, 2017	JPII
Tauran	France	Roman Curia 🇫🇷	Apr 05, 2018	JPII
Ouellet	Canada	Quebec	Oct 11, 2019	JPII
Grocholewski	Poland	Roman Curia 🇵🇱	Oct 11, 2019	JPII
Napier	South Africa	Durban	Mar 08, 2021	JPII
Rivera Carrera	Mexico	DF	Jun 06, 2022	JPII
Rodríguez-Marad.	Honduras	Tegucigalpa	Dec 29, 2022	JPII
Sepe	Italy	Roman Curia 🇮🇹	Jun 02, 2023	JPII
Appiah Turkson	Ghana	Cape Coast	Oct 11, 2023	JPII
Cipriani Thorne	Peru	Lima	Dec 28, 2023	JPII
Bozanic	Croatia	Zagreb	Mar 20, 2024	JPII

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Pengo	Tanzania	Dar-Eo-Salam	Aug 05, 2024	JPII
Schönborn	Austria	Vienna	Jan 22, 2025	JPII
Puljic	Bosnia	Vrhbosna	Sep 08, 2025	JPII
Barbarin	France	Lyon	Oct 17, 2025	JPII
Erdo	Hungary	Eszt.-Budapest	Jun 25, 2027	JPII

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