

# The 31 Jesuit Generals



Ignatius of Loyola, the first Superior General.

I took from Wikipedia a list of Superior Generals of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and made a chart showing which Popes reigned during that particular Jesuit General's rule. A Jesuit General is also known as the "Black Pope" and the existing Pope is called the "White Pope." As you see there have been more Popes, 50 totaled, compared to only 30 Jesuit Generals! What does that imply? Does it mean the Jesuit General gets rid of any Pope he doesn't like? Their favorite method of assassination is poisoning. Pope John Paul I lived only 33 days!

1. Ignatius of Loyola April 19, 1541 – July 31, 1556	Paul III Julius III Marcellus II Paul IV
2. Diego Laynez July 2, 1558 – January 19, 1565	Pius IV
3. Francis Borgia July 2, 1565 – October 1, 1572	Pius V
4. Everard Mercurian April 23, 1573 – August 1, 1580	Gregory XIII Sixtus V Urban VII
5. Claudio Acquaviva February 19, 1581 – January 31, 1615	Gregory XIV Innocent IX Clement VIII Leo XI Paul V
6. Mutio Vitelleschi November 15, 1615 – February 9, 1645	Gregory XV Urban VIII
7. Vincenzo Carafa January 7, 1646 – June 8, 1649	Innocent X
8. Francesco Piccolomini December 21, 1649 – June 17, 1651	Innocent X
9. Aloysius Gottifredi January 21, 1652 – March 12, 1652	Innocent X
10. Goschwin Nickel March 17, 1652 – July 31, 1664	Alexander VII

11. Giovanni Paolo Oliva	July 31, 1664 – November 26, 1681	Clement IX Clement X Innocent XI
12. Charles de Noyelle	July 5, 1682 – December 12, 1686	Alexander VIII
13. Thyrsus González de Santalla	July 6, 1687 – October 27, 1705	Innocent XII Clement XI
14. Michelangelo Tamburini	January 31, 1706 – February 28, 1730	Innocent XIII Benedict XIII
15. Franz Retz	March 7, 1730 – November 19, 1750	Clement XII
16. Ignacio Visconti	July 4, 1751 – May 4, 1755	Benedict XIV
17. Aloysius Centurione	November 30, 1755 – October 2, 1757	Benedict XIV
18. Lorenzo Ricci	October 17, 1782 – October 21, 1785	Clement XIII Clement XIV Pius VI
19. Tadeusz Brzozowski	August 7, 1814 – February 5, 1820	Pius VII
20. Luigi Fortis	October 18, 1820 – January 27, 1829	Leo XII
21. Jan Roothaan	July 9, 1829 – May 8, 1853	Pius VIII Gregory XVI Pius IX
22. Peter Jan Beckx	August 2, 1853 – March 4, 1887	Leo XIII
23. Anton Anderledy	March 4, 1887 – January 18, 1892 Berisal,	Leo XIII
24. Luis Martín	October 2, 1892 – April 18, 1906	Pius X
25. Franz Xavier Wernz	September 8, 1906 – August 20, 1914	Pius X
26. Włodimir Ledóchowski	February 11, 1915 – December 13, 1942	Benedict XV
27. Jean-Baptiste Janssens	September 15, 1946 – October 5, 1964	Pius XII John XXIII
28. Pedro Arrupe	May 22, 1965 – September 3, 1983	Paul VI John Paul I
29. Peter Hans Kolvenbach	September 13, 1983 – January 14, 2008	John Paul II Benedict XVI
30. Adolfo Nicolás	January 19, 2008 – October 3, 2016	Benedict XVI Francis
31. Arturo Sosa	October 14, 2016 –	Francis

Only one Pope in history, Innocent X, spans the reign of 3 Jesuit Generals. He reigned toward the end of the Thirty Years War (1618–1648) in Europe when millions of people were killed. Pope Innocent X objected to the final peace treaty of that war!

“One of the most devastating wars in European history. The Thirty Years War began as a conflict between **German Protestants and German Catholics**, that slowly expanded to include most of the rest of Europe, with first the Protestant powers joining in to protect their co-religionists in Germany, and then Catholic France supporting the protestant cause as part of the long running Bourbon-Hapsburg rivalry (and before that the Valois-Hapsburg rivalry). The war caused massive destruction in Germany, and may have reduced the population of the area by half, in part because

much of the fighting was carried out by mercenary armies that plundered every area they crossed." From  
[http://www.historyofwar.org/articles/wars\\_thirtyyears.html](http://www.historyofwar.org/articles/wars_thirtyyears.html)