

# Earlier Papal resignations

■ **Clement I** (92?-101). Allegedly gave up pontificate for sake of peace



◀ **Pontian** (230-35). Resigned after being exiled to mines of Sardinia during persecution of Christians by Roman Emperor **Maximinus Thrax**

■ **Marcellinus** (296-304). Abdicated or deposed after complying with Roman Emperor **Diocletian's** order to offer sacrifice to pagan gods

■ **Martin I** (649-55). Exiled by Byzantine Emperor **Constans II**

■ **Benedict V** (964). Accepted deposition by Holy Roman Emperor **Otto I** after one month in office

■ **Benedict IX** (1032-45). Resigned after selling papacy to **Gregory VI**



■ **Gregory VI** (1045-46). Deposed for simony – paying for sacraments – by Holy Roman Emperor **Henry III**



◀ **Celestine V** (1294): After five months in office, issued solemn decree declaring it permissible for pope to resign. Lived two more years as hermit – later canonized

■ **Gregory XII** (1406-15). Resigned at request of Council of Constance to help end Great Western Schism



■ **Benedict XVI** (2005-13). **First pope to resign in 600 years**