

Abstract: Continuity and Institutionalisation in the 13th Century. The Continuity of Offices in the Roman Curia after the Death of the Pope

The increasing stream of petitions and papal attempts at regulation were responsible for the development of the Apostolic Chamber, the Chancery, curial law courts, and the Papal Penitentiary into institutions. Little noted in research hitherto, however, the activities of these administrative bodies during the frequent vacancies of the Holy See during the 13th century played an important role as well. On the one hand, their continued working after the Pope's death led to a consolidation of existing structures and procedures; on the other hand, conflicts about the legitimacy of the activities of the Chamberlain and the Penitentiary during a vacancy and the debate on such in contemporary Canon Law also contributed to the development of concepts of transpersonal structures a characteristic attribute of institutions.

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