

# *The Popes in History*

*DVD Series with Discussions*

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- March 4     ● *What is Papal History? When did it begin? The Rise of the Petrine Idea*
- March 11    ● *The Papal Monarchy- Institutions and Politics*
- [March 18: Spring Break: no meeting]*
- March 25    ● *The Renaissance Papacy- Politics and Culture*
- April 1     ● *The Pontification of Pius XII and the Age of Vatican II*
- April 8     ● *The Pontification of Paul VI. The Vatican and what it does.*
- April 15    ● *John Paul II and Benedict XVI*

*The papacy is the oldest continuously functioning institution in the world. (Consider that when George Washington took office as the first president of the United States , the 250<sup>th</sup> pope was reigning and that Pope Benedict, elected in 2005, is the 265<sup>th</sup> pope).*

*There are four aspects of the history of the papacy that we will examine. First, the history of the papacy is the history of an idea: the Petrine idea. Second, the history of the papacy is the history of an institution. Third, the history of the papacy is the serial biography of 265 men from Peter to Benedict XVI (a few of whom will be examined in detail in this class). Fourth, the history of the papacy is almost the history of Western civilization in microcosm.*

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