

<u>THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH</u>						
<u>Western</u>			<u>Eastern</u>			
<u>Apologists</u>	<u>Polemicists</u>	<u>Shepherds</u>	↓	<u>Apologists</u>	<u>Polemicists</u>	<u>Shepherds</u>
		Clement		Early Apologists		Ignatius
		Barnabas	100			Papias
Martyr						Polycarp
Martyr		Herms	150			
Tatian						
Felix			200		Clement of Alex.	
	Tertullian*					
	Hippolytus					Gregory of Th.
	Julian Afri.	Cyprian	250			
			300		Eusebius of C.	
Arnobius		Victorinus				
		Hilary of P	350			
		Athanasius				Basil
		Ambrose				Cyril of Jerus.
			400			Gregory of Naz.
	Jerome	Augustine				Gregory of Nyssa
		Cassian			Cyril of Alex.	Chrysostom
			450			
		Leo of Rome			Theodoret	

You can approximate the dates from the time line. Tertullian* is not regarded as a "father" due to his Montanist tendencies but he is one of the most important writers of the total period. There are many others of course. I have included only those thought orthodox with the exception noted. The term "fathers" is used after that of Paul in 1 Corinthians 4 and is employed by many evangelical churches yet today when speaking of the ministry...not as being a title for the clergy in common parlance.