

<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
						Polycarp
Martyr		Hermas	150			
Tatian						
Felix			200		Clement of Alex.	
	Tertullian*					Gregory of Th.
	Hippolytus		250			
	Julian Afri.	Cyprian	300			
Arnobius		Victorinus	350		Eusebius of C.	
		Hilary of P	400			Basil
		Athanasius				Cyril of Jerus.
		Ambrose	450			Gregory of Naz.
	Jerome	Augustine			Cyril of Alex.	Gregory of Nyssa
		Cassian				Chrysostom
		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.