

John II and this is the first case of the pope changing his name , previous to this every opope is ~~not~~ simply called by what his name was but this man for some reason changed his ~~name~~ name to John and after that it came customary to do that until in the last few centuraw, I doubt if there has been a pope, there has been one who kept his onw name after he became bishop of Romme, in recent years they have all changed theri name and adopted Archaic names , the last few call them Pius, none of that in the early days, but there are tow or three names now that are considered as the prper name a pope should have and they change their name on becoming pope. That was never done in those early days, John II, 500 years after the time of Chirst was the first one who did it. ( question) There may be a reason, I just do not know. Why do Almost now any institution when it becomes aestablished for a long time, people age the past and they try to imitate situationa as they use to be and there is a great tendency to change names and to do that sort of thing, that is probalby the reason. You take in England when David as his father died and he used to be king of England and he called himself of Edward VIII, the name of his grandfater and that was one of the names he and already but it was not the one he was known by in his family and it was not the name that was not considered to be his name and it is a custom that comes up quited readily in instutitions that peple like to consider as old and venerable. (question) He only reigne 2 years and he is not an important man and it is interesting as to he changed his name. (question) The statment is made in the Catholic enc. that simony was very prevalent at this time as regard to the purchast of the office of pope and vishop and just how much prove we have we do not know , but they tried to put the best front possible at every place admit that not only was bishopry purchased but actually some of these men made a goo d big pavemet to some of these men for their office, and of course we have a lot of evidence of that happening later on.