

or a subdeacon, or a priest or a bishop. There are five bishop si n Rome. There are a number of priests and a number of deacons, these are the cardinals . It is the Roman clerivy that sãlects the bihsop. However as time went on in the middle ages, they developed appointing people to these important postbns, and they ~~the~~ let somewone else do the work of it. Cardinal Spellman of New Yonk, archbishop of New York. The chances are that he is a priest of some litte chñrch in Rome. Once ever five years he goest to Rome and holds a mass ãn that littel church. And his statement says that he is the cardinal priest, or a cardinal deacon or he might even be one of the cardinal bishops though I think that is unlikely. He is one of the clergy of Rome and when the bihsop of Rome dñes, they assemble at Rome and elect him. The people who ctuallya, are doing the wõrk in Rome are the people who are just representaing them, and they do not hold a position, actually it is the clergý of Rome tat that elects the bihsop of Rome. And any Roman catholic book of tõday that goes into the matter, will make this statement. If the college of cardinals were to be wiped out, so that noe of them were left, and the pope was dead, the selectino of a new pope would once fall upoin the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, in differnet countries, they would have nothing in the world to say about it. It would be the local clergy of Rome who would have the right and duty to elect the bihops of Rome. It is only by that these men are priest of little churches in Rome, in some way part of the Roman clergy, they are cardinals, the world cardinal simply menat , a number of the clergy of the most important city in the world, of course that is very littel known. The pope select the cardinals ãnd the cardinals elect the nest pope. And some of them select cardinals to get them to elect their own sons or some one like that. The time came in themiddle ages that there were to be so many priests and so many bishops and so many deacons, they gotaa pretty difinite established systme and i imagin the pope could change it, if he wnated to . He could change the number very easy. There are so many postions that are cardinal postions. And the man who holds the postions does not have to do any of the work, he holds it as an honoary work.