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Introduction:

In 1075, Pope Gregory VII wrote down what he believed were the powers of the pope. This document is called the *Dictatus Papae*—“*The Sayings of the Pope.*”

Directions: For each statement, write a paraphrase and create a graphic/ symbol of that power. Before beginning the paraphrases, review the definitions of the following words:

Definitions:
Pontiff: The Pope
Depose: To remove from power. To overthrow an emperor
Canonical: Authorized by the Church. Said to be true and correct.
Err: To make a mistake
Absolve: To free someone from his/her duty or obligation
Subjects: Individuals under the power of another. Vassals are subjects.

Pope Gregory VII	Your Paraphrase	Graphic/ Symbol
1. That the Roman Pontiff alone is rightly to be called universal.		
2. That he (the pope) alone can depose or reinstate bishops.		
3. That, among other things, we also ought not to stay in the same house with those excommunicated by him.		
4. That the Pope is the only one whose feet are to be kissed by all princes.		
5. That he may depose Emperors.		
6. That no chapter or book may be regarded as canonical without his authority.		

