

Ebbo of Reims, *Resignatio*

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“I Ebbo, unworthy bishop, recognizing my fragility and the weight of my sins, appointed for myself as judges of my offences my witness confessors, namely Archbishop Aiulfus and Bishop Badarad as well as Bishop Modoin. I gave a pure confession to them, desiring the remedy of undertaking penance and the health of my soul, so that I might resign from the pontifical office and ministry, for which I recognize myself to be unworthy. Making myself an outcast on account of my sins, about which I confessed secretly to them that I had committed, evidently, in this way—so that these same men might be witnesses for another man who should succeed [me] and should be consecrated and put in my place as a substitute, who can worthily preside over and be useful to the church, over which I unworthily presided up till now. And therefore, so that I may be able to make no repetition or interpolation by canonical authority, signing with my own hand I confirmed it.”