

COELESTINUS I: *DACL* 2/2.2794–2802; *DECL* pp 120–21; *DHGE* 12.56–58; *DMA* 3.213–14; *DTC* 2.2051–61; *EEC* 1.154; *LMA* 3.3; *LTK* 2.1246; *NCE* 3.316–18; *ODCC* p 312; *Pat.* 4.587–89.

Coelestinus (or Caelestinus) I was pope from 422 until his death in 432. He sent two missions to Britain, both related in **BEDE**'s **HISTORIA ECCLESIASTICA** (BEDA.Hist.eccles.; ed. Colgrave and Mynors 1969). The first, led by Germanus of Auxerre and Lupus of Troyes in 429, was intended to repress Pelagianism (Hist.eccles. I.17). The second, in 430, was headed by Palladius, who became the first bishop of the Irish (Hist.eccles. I.13 and V.24, s.a. 430, also reported in the **ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE** s.a. 430). Coelestinus's writings consist primarily of epistles. Four of his epistles and a fragment of a sermon are inventoried in *CPL* 1650–54.

Epistula 17, Commonitorium papae Caelestini episcopis et presbyteris euntis ad Orientem

[COEL.Epist.17]: *CPG* 8713; *KVS CAEL.*

ed.: *ACO* 1/2.25.

MSS – A-S Vers none.

Quots/Cits see below.

Refs none.

Ogilvy (*BKE* p 117) notes that Coelestinus's *Epist.* 17 is quoted in the *De processione Spiritus sancti* printed among the works of **ALCUIN** in *PL* 101 (at cols. 70D–71A). However, the authenticity of the *De processione* is now questioned by Sharpe (*HLW* p 43) and is denied by numerous other scholars (see *CSLMA* 2.517–18), so until the question of the authorship of this text is resolved, it would appear that there is no direct and certain evidence for the knowledge of this epistle or of any writings by Coelestinus to Anglo-Saxons whether in England or on the Continent.

Coelestinus's letter is also printed in *PL* 50.503 and *PL* 84.863–64.

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