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Who was the first bishop of Rome? Peter or Pius I?

1. St. Peter (32 - 67)

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Peter was allegedly the first pope, at least according to Catholic tradition, as well as the one who brought Christianity to Rome. All the evidence indicates, however, that Christianity came to Rome well before he would have and even once there he didn't serve as bishop or any sort of leader.

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2. St. Pius I (140 - 155)

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First bishop of Rome. Prior to this the Christian community was governed by a council of elders or deacons. Pius was the first bishop who exercised sole authority.