

# **Constantine the Great and the Mediation of the Donatist Crisis Between the Years 313 and 316**

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## **Abstract**

This article is dedicated to the canonicity of the ordination of Caecilian as Bishop of Carthage and it focuses on the legitimacy of the Christian faction led by him in North Africa. The rivalry between the Carthaginian and the Numidian clergy will require an unexpected involvement on the part of the emperor Constantine the Great, who after these experiences would establish a series of criteria that he will use in convening the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325).