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The integration of Rome's senatorial aristocrats into the clergy is considered as an important part of the process by which a more powerful papacy would ultimately control the city's political, cultural and religious life.

Salzman's research on Felix's social status calls these assumptions into doubt and shed new light on the status of the papacy in late fifth century and the Acacian schism.

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