

# Basic Detail Report

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Two women in St. Peter's Square hold a  
photograph of recently deceased Pope John Paul I

**Date**

1969-1978

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

Pope John Paul I (born Albino Luciani) served as Pope from 26 August 1978 to his sudden death 33 days later. His reign is among the shortest in papal history, resulting in the most recent Year of Three Popes, the first to occur since 1605. John Paul I remains the most recent Italian-born pope, ending a succession of such popes that started with Clement VII in 1523.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 20.8 x 30.7 cm (8 2/8 x 12 1/8 in.)