

ChatGPT Version 5.2

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You said:

Can you find any information in academic sources about a bishop in Valencia in 1387 named James who became a cardinal for the Avignon papacy?

ChatGPT said:

Thought for 42s

Yes — the “James” you’re describing matches **Jaume (Jaime/James) d’Aragó** (also styled **Jaime de Aragón y de Foix / de Prades y de Foix**), who was **bishop of Valencia (1369–1396)** and was made a **cardinal in the Avignon obedience** during the Great Schism.

What academic sources say

- A review by historian **J. N. Hillgarth** (in *The Catholic Historical Review*, 2005) describes **Jaume de Aragón** as **bishop of Valencia (1369–1396)** and notes that he **“was named cardinal by Clement VII”** (the Avignon pope), while continuing to act as bishop.
- A scholarly monograph on medieval Catalan literary culture refers to him explicitly as **“Cardinal James of Aragon, Bishop of Valencia”** (i.e., holding both identities/titles in the period you’re working on).
- A Cambridge-hosted scholarly catalogue likewise refers to a work dedicated to **“Cardinal James of Aragon, Bishop of Valencia,”** reinforcing the identification used in academic manuscript studies.
- A JSTOR article (music/literary-historical context) also gives the basic prosopographical ID: **“Jaime de Aragon, Bishop of Valencia 1369–96”** (useful as a quick cross-check in English-language scholarship).

How this maps to your 1387 question

- In **1387**, Jaume d’Aragó was indeed **bishop of Valencia**, and (in the Avignon line) he is commonly described as being **created cardinal by Avignon Pope Clement VII** (often associated with the title **San Clemente** in later references).

If you tell me where you encountered “James” (a register entry? marginal note? chancery letter formula?), I can help you match the exact *style* you’re seeing (e.g., **episcopus Valentinus, cardinalis Sancti Clementis**, etc.) to the most likely date-range and titulature.