

# The Papacy and Freemasonry

Speech made by the late Monseigneur Jouin on December 8, 1930

As a testament to the greatness of the author of this work, we ask the reader to take note of the following, from the Article "Pope Saint Pius X" in *From the Houstops* # 13, Fall, 1976.

*The learned Monseigneur Jouin was alert to the impending success of their [the Masons] monstrous scheme, when Cardinal Mariano Rampolla, who was later discovered to have a close affinity with the French Masons and who Jouin was certain belonged to a lodge, entered the conclave of 1903 favored with sufficient popularity to become the next Pope. Jouin implored Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria to use his archaic -- yet seemingly still valid -- power of veto to block Rampolla. It is clear that the Emperor was in no way pleased in having to intervene with the sacred function of a papal election. Yet it seemed to him an unescapable task*

*The conclave was that which eventually elected one of the two canonized Roman Pontiffs of the last five hundred years of the Church's history: Pope Saint Pius X. As for Rampolla, it was later confirmed that he was a Mason of the most vile kind: He was a member of the OTO, the Ordo Templi Orientalis, a Masonic sect immersed in the illuminist and luciferian ideas of people like Madame Blavatsky and Alistair Crowley. When the Pope Pius X was presented with the proof of Rampolla's Masonic membership, he cried, "Miserable man!"*

Papacy and Freemasonry, those are the two powers active throughout the world and each is seeking to dominate it. The solution of the struggle taking place between them is, at the present moment of the utmost importance; for we are face to face not only with the crossroads of history but also with a radical transformation of humanity itself. Either Roman Catholicism will lift us up again to the level of Christian civilization, or else judeo-masonry will drag us down the path of barbarism and decadent paganism. The whole world oscillates between the two: Catholicism and paganism. On December 8th, 1892, Pope Leo XIII wrote to the Italian Episcopal Hierarchy:

"It is necessary to fight Freemasonry with those weapons of divine faith which in past ages vanquished paganism."

Moreover, the Papacy and Judeo-Masonry are both so fully conscious of the diametrically opposed parts that they are playing that they assume that from it must issue the political, economic, intellectual and religious future of individuals as well as of nations. It is a fact and the better proof of it is their irreducible antagonism toward each other.

What is, indeed, Judeo-Masonry today if not the concentration and mobilization of all evil forces? This Sect, with its threefold claim of being counter-church (against the Church), counter-state (against the State), and counter-morality (against traditional morality) takes pride in being, above all and for all times, the enemy of the Catholic Church; one of its rallying calls is that of Tigrotto, one of the Alta Vendita chiefs who, in 1822, proclaimed:

Catholicism must be destroyed throughout the whole world.

With Tigrotto the anti-Catholic plan also is expressed thus:

Let us conspire only against Rome.

Is this not expressed in an identical manner in the German “*Los Von Rom* [Away from Rome]” or in the English: “No Popery?”

Monseigneur Gay, having been assigned by the Council of the Vatican the duty of writing “A Memorandum on Secret Societies,” gave the following striking definition of Freemasonry:

It is evident that, in a general way, this doctrine of Freemasonry is not only a heresy, nor even the totality of all heresies, which find in it a haven; it is a fact that Masonry goes beyond the limits of what constitutes what is generally ascribed to the word “heresy,” for it allows full play to the commission of outrageous perversion. Freemasonry is indeed the abyss of all errors, the well of perdition.

This abyss of all errors (*Abyssus Errorum*) is justly compared to the “abysmal well” mentioned in Revelation (*abyssus putei*, ix, 1-3 ), whose emanations darken the light of the sun and poison the air. It is this accursed Sect whose perversion was stigmatized by Pope Pius IX when he named it: “the synagogue of Satan.” Due to its enormous extension and its nowadays very visible collusion with international Jewish finance, Freemasonry has indeed become the “synagogue of Satan.” As such, it provided funds for the Russian Revolution, installed in Moscow; it carried Communism from East to West, took up the leadership of States of their governments, their various administration departments or ministries, and of their parliaments and, in consequence, it is such a world power that for any discerning mind, it seems as though, today, there are on earth only two great powers, viz.: Judeo-Masonry in the service of world Jewry and the Church in the hands of Peter’s Successor. Those two powers are at war, face to face as though fighting an endless duel, as is clearly expressed in the stone inscription of the Masonic Grand Orient and Supreme Council of France:

The fight taking place between Catholicism and Freemasonry is a fight to the very death, ceaseless and merciless. (Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, pg. 183. 1892 and in *Memorandum of the Supreme Council*, No. 85, pg. 48. )

With such a rallying and definite line of action, one can positively affirm that Judeo-masonry is the unique enemy of the Church. It can be detected in all anti-Catholic attacks against clergy or laity led either by Freemasons or by even Catholics whose faith has decreased due to either fear, passion or self-interest.

In his encyclical *Humanum Genus* Pope Leo XIII wrote:

There exists in the world a certain number of sects which although seemingly different one from another as to name, ritual, form and origin are, however, similar due to the analogy of their aim and chief principles. Indeed, they are identical to Freemasonry which is, for them all, the central point from which they proceed and toward which they converge.

Further, in his letter to the Italian people dated December 8, 1892, Pope Leo XIII writes:

Let us remember that CHRISTIANITY and Freemasonry are essentially incompatible, to such an extent, that to become united with one means being divorced from the other. Let us, therefore, expose Freemasonry as the enemy of God, of the Church and of our Motherland.

At the present moment (1930) it is a fact that St. Augustine's two cities, the City of Good and the City of Evil are separate, each seeking to rule in the world. The City of Evil, ruled by Satan, is named Judeo-Masonry; insistently it proclaims to all, Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, to Freethinkers, Communists and Pagans, in fact to the whole world that:

To fight against the papacy is a social necessity and constitutes the constant duty of Freemasonry. (Masonic International Congress held in Brussels 1904, page 132 of the report.)

The City of Good and of Jesus Christ is the Catholic Church; for over 19 centuries, according to the teaching of the Roman Pontiff, She repeats to the world Her immutable creed:

I believe in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church

Such is the subject of my conference. From an over-all viewpoint, there should issue a solid appreciation of the work of a number of Popes done on the subject of the Sect of Freemasonry from the time it made its appearance in the 18th century. It showed its anti-religious and anti-social activities as well as its licentiousness and its aims which, from the very beginning, were susceptible of excommunication. It showed also its prodigious development leading to the situation which I already sketched, namely, the duality of forces: one, the forces of evil concentrating in Judeo-Masonry and the other the forces of good, concentrated in one flock under the staff of the one shepherd; (representative of Jesus Christ) who, since 1738 has constantly renewed the appeal for the defense of the Church against Her mortal enemy -- even though in many instances the appeal was useless. Surrounded by Ghettos and Masonic Lodges, in the course of a fight which has become universal, Popes have reiterated their appeal for defense and have clearly shown the place and the duty of Catholics -- all too frequently the place has been left deserted and the duty has been betrayed in a shameful manner.

However, even if in our day we are witnessing the terrific confirmation of these truths, it is necessary to remember that they were proclaimed by several Popes.

### **Pope Clement XII 1730-1740**

Founded in 1717, modern speculative Masonry took on its actual form following the publication by Anderson, a clergyman, of the *Constitutions* in 1723. Fifteen years later, on April 28, 1738, Pope Clement XII in his Pontifical Constitution "*In Eminenti*" condemned Freemasonry as being Counter-Church and Counter-State. It was the Pontifical reply. Failure to heed it, whether partial or general, by the Church and the State of those days, seems to us as the primordial cause of all our political and religious present day turmoil.

Thus said Pope Clement XII:

Let us meditate upon the serious evils which are usually the result of those kinds of Societies or centers, not only concerning the peace of temporal States, but still more as

regards the salvation of souls. Those Societies are not in agreement with the civil and economic laws of the States.

In order to close the widely open road to iniquities which might be committed with impunity and also for other reasons, just and reasonable, that have come to our knowledge . . . We have resolved and decreed to condemn and forbid such Societies, assemblies, reunions, conventions, aggregations or meetings called either Freemasonic or known under some other denomination. We condemn and forbid them by this, our present constitution, which is to be considered valid for ever.

However, not only is the condemnation by Pope Clement XII extended to Masonic Sects, but it applies also to all the laymen who, although they are not members of Societies called Freemasonic, favor them, in any manner, thus:

We command to the faithful to abstain from intercourse with those societies . . . In order to avoid excommunication, which will be the penalty imposed upon all those contravening to this, our order. None, except at the point of death, could be absolved of this sin except by us or the then existing roman pontiff.

The Constitution "*In Eminent*" was extended throughout all the Papal States by Cardinal Ferrao's Edict of January 14th, 1739.

### **Pope Benedict XIV 1740-1758**

Pope Benedict XIV, on March 16, 1751 published the Constitution *Providas* in which he inserted in full *In Eminent*, the Bull which had been written by his predecessor, Clement XII, in order to make it very evident that the condemnation of Freemasonry was irrevocable and was to be applied to the future as well as to the present.

As a matter of fact, Benedict XIV, had already denounced Masonry as being Counter-Morality in connection with the Order of Felicity of Avignon, a Secret Society of debauchers; among themselves the members of this Society spoke only in a kind of slangy language usually used by sailors. The Pope mentions it twice in his correspondence. I am here transcribing a few lines from his letter of March 25th, 1744, addressed to the Cardinal de Tencin, who was the Pontifical Ambassador at the Court of King Louis XV:

We have received from Avignon the news that in Nimes and also at Montpellier the Freemasons gave a great entertainment in order to gain proselytes. Women and men from the Avignon Society went to it, and, doubtless, upon their return they will organize a Freemasonic Lodge as they once had already attempted to do under the name of Society of Felicity; they might have succeeded had it not been for the zeal of the Archbishop. We wish you to protest, in Our name, to His most Christian Majesty. so that He Will not authorize in His States, the Sect of Freemasons which other Princes have extirpated from their own country. (From the correspondence of Pope Benedict XIV by Gmile de Heckeren. )

Furthermore, in his Constitution, *Providas*, Benedict XIV enumerates six reasons which drove Pope Clement XII to strike Secret Societies; they are:

- 1) the Interconfessionalism (or Interfaith) of Freemasons;
- 2) their secret;

- 3) their oath;
- 4) their opposition to Church and State;
- 5) the interdiction pronounced against them in several States by the Heads of such countries; and,
- 6) their immorality which the Pope characterizes thus:

Those Societies, according to men who are prudent and honest, are ill-famed, and to become a member thereof, would lead to evil and perversion.

From the outset, before the 18th century, under the efforts of Masonry which sank us into the horrors of the French Revolution, the Sect had been unmasked by the Popes and exposed before the eyes of the Catholics with its odious triple shame of Counter-Morality, Counter-State, and above all, Counter-Church. Let a Freemason, F. Limousin, in his first number of the Masonic Review called *L' Acacia*, of October, 1902, using the pen-name of Hiram, gives the following characteristic definition:

Freemasonry is an association . . . an institution . . . so it is said . . . but it is not that at all. Let us lift up all the veils, risking even to evoke numberless protestations. Freemasonry is a church: It is the Counter-Church, Counter-Catholicism: It is the other church -- the church of heresy, of Freethought;

The Catholic Church is considered as the arch-type church, the first church, church of dogmatism and of orthodoxy.

### **Pope Clement XIII 1758-1769**

I wish to add that during the 18th century Pope Clement XIII condemned highly placed Masons in an ordinance of January, 1759, against the work of Helvetius and this Pope published on Sept. 3rd, 1759, his constitution *Ut Primum*, directed against the *Encyclopedie* of Diderot and d'Alembert.

Finally, in his Encyclical of November 25th, 1766, *Christianae Republicae Salus*, Pope Clement XIII denounced the peril incurred by Church and State through the published works of so-called philosophers. It meant that all Voltairian and Masonic works were being anathemized in the following terms:

The enemy of all Good has sown the evil seed in the field of the Lord and the evil grain has grown rapidly, to such an extent, that it threatens to destroy the harvest. It is time to cut it down.

In our days nothing is free from the attacks of those who are impious. God Himself becomes the object of their insolent audacity, they represent Him as a being who is mute, inert, devoid of a sense of providence or justice; they lower HIM down to the level of animals. As far as they are concerned, matter is all or at least dominates everything. Even those among them who are opposed to such gross errors, but too frequently in our days, are not afraid, in their pride, to scrutinize our mysteries and to submit everything to nothing but their own reasoning power.

Clement XIII exposes all the sores of Masonry which at the time of the French Revolution had reached the state of gangrene, such as Materialism, Nationalism, Deism and even Atheism which is most imperfectly veiled by the "Grand Architect of the Universe," a notion which, after

all, is only the spontaneous evolution of the universal religion promised in the *Constitutions* of Anderson.

In a last but anxious appeal the Pope entreats all the Bishops in the Catholic world to link their efforts with his own and to beseech all Christian Princes to take in hand the defense of the Sorrowing Church, *Gementis Ecclesiae Causam Exposcite*. Listen attentively, 23 years before 1789 (the year of the French Revolution) the Church was in tears, due to the threats held out by Freemasonry; who can vouch for the assumption that 23 years remain to us before the Judeo-Masonry of the 20th century will add to the tears being shed by the Church -- blood tears similar to those shed during 1793? But this time it will not be in France only, but throughout the whole world. Is this not the time to speak again of the Sorrowing Church?

### **Pope Pius VI 1795-1799**

During the last quarter of this 18th century during which Masonry had spent 72 years to prepare for 1789 and the bloodshed which was to last many years, Peter's Seat had been occupied by Pius VI, who was destined to die in exile. His first Encyclical of December 25, 1775, is the acknowledgment of the tears he has shed, *Nostrarum Vim Pacrymarum Exquirat*, those tears caused by the so-called philosophers, fanatical enemies of the Church, professors of lies. "*Magistros Mendacissimos*," leaders of sects of perdition who, with their erroneous beliefs, penetrate into the seats of the Academies, in the houses of the notables, in the Courts of Kings, and what is still more horrible, even penetrate in the Lord's sanctuary, *Etiam in sanctuarium insinuant*.

Alas! Those sects of perdition at the hour of the Revolution dragged along too many members of the regular and secular Clergy whose names appear on the lists of Masonic lodges: *Corruptio optimi pessima*. what of the situation today?

### **Pope Pius VII 1800-1823**

Let us now enter into the 19th century. The wars of the French Revolution and of the Empire spread and favored the creation of Masonic lodges (mostly Military lodges ) and the rapid European expansion of Masonic subversive ideas.

Pope Pius VII became one of its glorious victims. It was therefore, in full knowledge of the subject, that on September, 1821, in his Encyclical, *Ecclesiam a Jesu Cristo*, the Pope applied to the Carbonari the following text: "They come under the guise of sheep although they are, in truth, none but ravening wolves." Thus, the Pope reiterated against the Freemasons the condemnations pronounced by Clement XII and Benedict XIV because they propagandize "religious indifference, which is, of all, the most pernicious;" They also grant to everyone full liberty to inaugurate for himself his own religion according to his ideas and inclinations; to also profane and sully Our Savior's Passion in some of their odious ceremonies; to hold in contempt the Sacraments of the Church to which in a horrible sacrilegious manner they substitute sacraments of their own invention and they treat with derision the Mysteries of the Catholic Religion. Lastly, urged by a particular hatred toward the Apostolic See, because of its supremacy, Freemasons form conspiracies of the darkest and most sinister kind, in order to overthrow it.

To what does Pope Pius VII refer when he makes use of the words "they hold in contempt the Sacraments of the Church;" if not to the Masonic 18th degree of the Rose Croix, which is an

odious parody of the Sacrament of the Eucharist? What is it that the Pontiff stigmatises when he alludes to the substitution of Masonic sacraments to those of the Church and its ensuing horrible sacrileges if not to the “Back Mass” and the theft of consecrated hosts which Masons of the highest grades carry on their person as “Sacred Deposit” during the ceremony which precedes the orgy in the course of which they will profane It in the lowest, voluptuous ignominy?

Why should we thus administer such blows to this “Anti Papism”? It is because it is the unbroken chain of Freemasonry and because the Pope is, on earth, the representative of Jesus Christ whose Cross is trampled upon by Masons, and because in the course of their rites, at the 30° initiation grade, they throw upside down the Pope’s tiara and figuratively pierce his heart. Such things occur at the initiation of the degree of Knight Kadosh. Pope Pius VII was well informed.

### **Pope Leo XII 1823-1829**

Soon after his election as Pope on March 13, 1825, Leo XII published his Encyclical *Quo Graviora* condemning the Society called Freemasonry, as well as all other Secret Societies. In this Encyclical he first of all, republished the Constitutions of Popes Clement XII, Benedict XIV and Pius VII. Their appeal had remained fruitless as far as the various governments were concerned and Pope Leo XII wrote:

We have endeavored to discover the state, number and influence of secret societies and We easily have been able to acknowledge that, if only due to the number of new sects which have joined them, their audacity has increased. The Sect known under the name of “L’universitaire” has especially drawn Our attention: It has established a center in several Universities where young men, instead of receiving the correct teaching are perverted by a few teachers who are initiates of certain Mysteries which might be called Mysteries of Iniquity and are trained to commit crimes.

Let us note that Pope Leo XII was afraid of the masonic penetration in public school teaching and seemed to foresee the devastation that the “One School” would rapidly inflict upon both the Church and society at large.

Leo XII, in summing up the harm caused by clandestine sects, so evident in works written by their members, wrote:

They have dared publish works on Religion and Affairs of State, they have exposed their contempt for authority, their hatred of Sovereignty, their attacks against the Divinity of Jesus Christ and the very existence of God: They openly vaunt their materialism as well as their codes and statutes which explain their plans and efforts in order to overthrow the legitimate Heads of State and completely destroy the Church.

What is definitely ascertained is that those different sects, despite the diversity of their names, are all united and linked by the similarity of their infamous plans.”

Thus speaking, Pope Leo XII, considered he was accomplishing his duty as Supreme Pontiff and he wrote further, this page, which thoroughly throws light on our actual situation:

Let us use the words of our predecessor, Pope Clement XIII, in his Encyclical Letter of September 14, 1758, addressed to all Patriarchs, Primate, Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic Church, in which he said:

I entreat you to become penetrated of the Strength of the Spirit of God, His Intelligence and His Virtue, in order to escape being likened to the mute dogs who, unable to bark, leave Our flocks exposed to the voracity of beasts roaming the fields. Let nothing stop Us, in the fulfillment of Our duty which enjoins Us to suffer all kinds of combats for the Glory of God and the salvation of souls. Let Us constantly keep before Our eyes the picture of Him who, during His lifetime, was also exposed to the opposition of sinners. If we allow ourselves to be shaken by the audacity of evildoers, it will be the end of episcopal strength, the end also of the sublime and divine authority of the church: moreover, let us abandon even the thought of being Christians if we have reached the point of trembling before the threats or the traps laid for us by pervers.

Leo XII ends this magnificent Encyclical anathematizing Freemasons and writing:

Those men are like those to whom, according to Saint John, the Apostle, hospitality and greetings should be denied. (Second Epistle of St. John, V. 10). They are the same men whom our Fathers, without hesitation, termed the first-born of the Devil.

### **Pope Pius VIII 1829-1830**

Successor of Leo XII, Pope Pius VIII, in his Encyclical *Traditi*, published at the time of his advent on May 21, 1829 renewed all the condemnations of his predecessors, repeating as I showed above, that all Masonic Sects are issued from the “well of perdition.” It was under his short reign as Pontiff that a new Lodge of “Alta Vendita” was discovered in Rome, having been formed in 1828 and headed by Joseph Picilli as Grand Master. Following Leo XII, Pius VIII most particularly mentions the Sect called *Unitversitare*, saying:

Its aim is to corrupt youth in schools.

and he applies to Masons those words of Saint Leo the Great:

Their law is untruth: their god is the Devil, and their cult is turpitude.

### **Pope Gregory XVI 1831-1846**

On August 15, 1832, Gregory XVI, addressing all the Episcopal Hierarchy of the Catholic world, in his Encyclical, *Mirari Vos*, wrote:

Truly, indeed, we can say that this is the hour granted to the power of darkness to grind the elect as wheat.”

Evil comes out of Secret Societies, bottomless abyss of misery, which those conspiring societies have dug and in which heresies and sects have, as may be said, vomited as in a privy all they hold of licentiousness, sacrilege and blasphemy.

Just 18 days before his death, on may 13, 1846, Pope Gregory XVI put in the hands of Cretineau Joly, the documents of the Italian Alta Vendita which this author published in 1858 in his book *L'Eglise Romaine en face de la Revolution* (The Roman Church versus the Revolution).



It would indeed be of the highest kind of interest to have a faithful and complete copy of those manuscripts which are, doubtless, in the Vatican.

### **Pope Pius IX 1848-1878**

Let us proceed further. The chief work of Judeo-Masonry planned by Cavour, Mazzini and Garibaldi was reaching its goal under the Pontificate of Pope Pius IX, with the downfall of Papal temporal power. According to the theories of those sectarians of Masonry, such a loss was sure to entail also that of spiritual power; accordingly the new Pope fixed the responsibility for the conspiracy upon the Secret Societies when, in the Encyclical following his advent, he wrote on November 9, 1846:

Venerable Brethren, you also are fully aware of the monstrous errors and devices employed by the children of this century to pursue a merciless war against the Catholic Religion, the Divine Authority of the Church and its laws in order to trample upon the rights of both the Ecclesiastical and Civil power: Such is the aim of the guilty machinations against Saint Peter's Roman See, upon which Christ established the inexpugnable foundation of His church. Such is the aim of those Secret Societies issuing from darkness for the eventual ruin of Religion and States, and which, on several occasions, have already been anathemized by preceding Roman Pontiffs in their Apostolical Letters. We confirm the importance of such Letters and wish them to be followed with great care.

Moreover, from Gaeta, the place of his exile, in his allocution *Quibus Quantisque*, addressed to the Consistory of April, 1849, Pope Pius IX renewed the identical condemnation in the following terms:

Those abominable sects of perdition which are as fatally destructive of the salvation of souls as of the welfare and peace of secular society have been condemned by Roman Pontiffs, Our predecessors; We have also personally condemned them Ourselves in Our Encyclical Letter of November 9, 1846, addressed to all the Bishops of the Catholic Church, yet today in virtue of Our Supreme Catholic Authority -- we, once again, condemn, forbid and anathematize them.

The Constitution against Freemasonry and the Secret Societies of which Pope Pius IX speaks are those of Popes Clement XII, Benedict XIV, Leo XII and Pius VIII; he adds his own of November 9, 1846 (*Qui Pluribus*) in his letter to Monseigneur Darboy, October 26, 1865, concerning the funeral service of Marshall Magnan, Supreme Master of the Order of Freemasons; he adds also, his communication to the Bishop of Olinda (Brazil) of May 29, 1873.

The renewed sentences of anathema by Pope Pius IX strike most particularly the satanism of secret societies. In his Encyclical of November 21, 1873, the Pope writes of them as the synagogue of Satan, and addressing its members he had already castigated them (Consistory of December 9, 1854) using to this effect, the words of Christ:

You are of your father the Devil and the works of your father you will do.

What are those works? Satan is a liar and a murderer from the beginning of the world, Our Lord tells us. Pope Pius IX denounced the great lie of the so-called white freemasonry, in his Allocution of September 15, 1865 *Multiplies inter*, when he says:

And now, in order to satisfy the desire and solicitude of Our Fatherly Heart, there remains for US only to warn and exhort the Faithful who might have associated themselves to Sects of this kind to obey wiser inspirations and to leave those evil assemblies so as to avoid being dragged in the abyss of eternal ruin.

As to all the other faithful, being full of solicitude for their souls, WE strongly exhort them to beware of the perfidious discourses of sectarians who, under a disguise of honesty, are inflamed by an ardent hatred of the Religion of Christ and of all legitimate authority: they have but one thought with the sole aim of exterminating, all Divine and human rights. Let them all be fully conscious of the fact that the affiliates of such sects are as the wolves who, as Our Lord predicted, come disguised with sheep's hide to devour the whole flock: Let the faithful know that such affiliates must be numbered among those with whom the Apostle forbade us to associate, telling us also to even avoid greeting them.

Pope Pius IX equally denounced the satanic homicide of red masonry in a letter to the Bishop of Olinda (Brazil) in the following words:

The Satanic spirit of the Sect was particularly evidenced, in the past century, during the course of the Revolutions of France which shook the entire world. Such upheavals proved that the total dissolution of human society could be expected unless the forces of this ultra criminal Sect were crushed.

That letter was dated May 29, 1873; the latest Masonic and Satanic Revolution at that time was that which in Italy had resulted in making Pope Pius IX "the prisoner of the Vatican." It seems as though the Holy Pontiff was foreseeing such an issue when he uttered his complaint concerning the dual failure of the previous Pontifical condemnations of Masonry. (September 15, 1865).

First, he referred to the failure of the anti-Masonic endeavor, thus:

However, the Apostolic See's efforts have not been crowned with the success that might have been expected. The Masonic Sect of which we speak has been neither defeated nor overthrown: just the reverse, the Sect has developed to such an extent that, in these days of great difficulty, it shows itself everywhere and with impunity and raises a more audacious countenance.

Secondly, the Pope outlined the failure of the Catholic side, thus:

Venerable Brethren, We feel deep sorrow and bitterness, when We see that when, according to the Constitutions of Our Predecessors, action is necessary to condemn this Masonic Sect, many of those whose functions and sacerdotal duty should make them ultra vigilant and ardent over such an important cause have, alas! shown themselves indifferent and as though asleep. If some among them believe that the Apostolic Constitutions, published under sentence of anathema against the Occult Sects and their adepts and initiates carry no strength in those countries where civil authorities tolerate them, they are most assuredly laboring under a serious mistake."

As you well know, Venerable Brethren, We have prohibited and We again today prohibit and condemn this false evil doctrine. In fact, let Us ask whether the Sovereign power "to feed and lead the universal flock" which was vested in Saint Peter by Jesus and through which the Roman Pontiffs received the Supreme Authority that they must exercise in the Church depends from civil power -- can such civil power constrain and

restrain them in anything whatever? Due to those circumstances and fearing that injudicious people and above all, youth, might be led astray, and in order that silence on Our part might induce anyone to lend protection to error, We have resolved, Venerable Brethren, to raise Our Apostolic Voice -- therefore, We hereby confirm before you the Constitutions of Our Predecessors and in virtue of Our Apostolic Authority We hold up to reprobation and We condemn this Masonic Society and all other societies of the same order which, although different in appearance, but pursuing the same aim against the Church or legitimate Civil Power are constantly being formed. It is Our order that all Christians of any standing whatsoever, of any rank or high appointment and over all the earth should be informed that the said Societies are forbidden and reprovved by us, and incur the same sentences and condemnations as those that are specified in the former constitutions of our Predecessors.

Among the reprovved societies must be included such Leagues as: the League of Human Rights (*Ligue des Droits de L'homme*) and the League for Education (*Ligue de l'Enseignement*).

### **Pope Leo XIII 1878-1903**

Pope Leo XIII, successor of Pius IX, upon instructions from the Holy Office, dealt, first of all, with the Brazilian Masonic question on July 2nd, 1878. Then later, addressing the whole Church, on April 20, 1884, Pope Leo XIII published his magnificent Encyclical *Humanum Genus*. Taking up, once again, Saint Augustine's pages concerning the two cities which, on earth, constitute the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan, the Pontiff reviews the considerable development which Freemasonry has taken and writes:

Today evil doers all seem allied in a tremendous effort inspired by and with the help of a society powerfully organized and widely spread over the world, it is the Society of Freemasons. In fact those people no longer even try to dissimulate their intentions, but they actually challenge each other's audacity in order to assail God's August Majesty.

It is now publicly and overtly that they undertake to ruin the Holy Church, so as to succeed, if it is possible, in the complete dispossession of Christian nations of all the gifts they owe to Our Savior Jesus Christ.

As a result, in the space of a century and a half, the sect of the Freemasons has made incredible progress. Making use at the same time of audacity and cunning, Masonry has invaded all the ranks of social hierarchy, and in the modern States it has begun to seize a power which is almost equivalent to Sovereignty.

In order to strengthen those enlightened observations, Leo XIII refers to his predecessors and writes:

This peril was denounced for the first time by Pope Clement XII in 1738, and the Constitution promulgated by that Pope was renewed and confirmed by Benedict XIV; Pius VII followed in the footsteps of those Pontiffs, and Pope Leo XII including in his Apostolical Constitution *Quo Graviora* all the deeds and decrees of the preceding Popes on that subject, ratified and confirmed them for ever. Popes Pius VIII, Gregory XVI and on several occasions Pope Pius IX spoke in the same manner.

Whereas he approved and confirmed all the Pontifical condemnations issued against Freemasonry from those of Clement XII in 1738, Leo XIII moreover more amply exposed the reason for such actions and gives as his motive for acting thus:

It is because of the fundamental aim and spirit of the Masonic sect which has been exposed in full light through the evident manifestation of its deeds, the acquired knowledge of its principles, its rules, its rites and its commentaries to which have been added the testimonies of its own adepts . . .

It is exceedingly important to bring to the notice of all peoples to what extent events confirmed the wisdom of our predecessors. Their foresight and paternal solicitude did not always attain the desired success. This failure must be ascribed on the one hand either to the dissimulation and cunning of men members of this pernicious sect or, on the other hand, to the imprudent lightness of character of those who should, however, have been highly interested in watching it attentively.

Leo XIII refers frequently to the hypocrisy which is the basis of “white freemasonry” and mentions the fatal evolution of its revolutionary aims which turns it into “red masonry.”

Upon being attentively studied, this Encyclical most strikingly reveals the triple Masonic character, namely that its aims are:

- (1) Immoral
- (2) Politically revolutionary
- (3) Anti-Catholic.

### **1. Immoral**

The Pope defines the Masonic point of view on morality, thus:

The only thing which has found grace before the members of the Masonic sect and in which they request that youth should receive the proper teaching is what they call “civic morality,” independent morality, free morality, in other words a morality in which religious beliefs find no room. This morality is insufficient and its effects are its own condemnation.

Furthermore, there have been found in Freemasonry several sectarians who have maintained that all means are to be systematically used, in order, to saturate the multitudes with licentiousness and vices; because in their opinion peoples would naturally fall into their hands and become the instruments needed for the accomplishment of their most audacious evil projects. Such counter-morality is that of civil marriage, of divorce, of free love and of irreligious education for youth.

It aims at the complete destruction of the main foundations of justice and honesty. In this way Freemasons make themselves the auxiliaries of those who wish that, like an animal, man had no other rule of conduct than his own desires -- Such a scheme can only dishonor human kind and ignominiously cast him into perdition.

### **2. Politically Revolutionary**

On this subject Pope Leo XIII foresaw that Freemasonry, “the power which is almost equivalent to sovereignty,” and which already occupied the place of “State within the State,” would soon form the Super State. It is from such a situation that there was issued the Masonic dogma of separation of Church and State; thence, issued also the anti-religious laws which Brother Bethmont, member of the Parliament of the Department of Charente Interieure and former President of the Cour des Comptes, in 1878 was explaining to Monseigneur Pie, Bishop of Poitiers. The prelate then said to him:

“Sir, I believe you want to inaugurate anew the fight against the Church; have you any hope of succeeding there, where Nero, Julian the Apostate and your great ancestors of the 1789 French Revolution failed? ”

Bethmont replied: --“Your Eminence, at the risk of seeming too bold, I will say that those you have mentioned did not quite know how to act. We shall do much better. Violence against the Church leads nowhere, we shall use other means. We shall organize a persecution which shall be both clever and legal; we shall surround the Church with a network of laws, decrees and ordinances which will stifle it without shedding one drop of blood.”

Who, may I ask, is making those closely woven nets of laws, decrees and ordinances? The State, of course, but it is a Masonic State, an irreligious State under the power of a Super State which at the present moment is the Ruler of the World.

When Leo XIII adjures his Venerable Brethren to unite their zeal to his own efforts in order, “to annihilate the impure contagion of the poison which flows in the veins of human society and causes a state of total infection,” it is with a feeling of fear that one brings to mind the death sentence pronounced against humanity in the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

When we introduced into the State organism the poison of Liberalism, its whole political complexion underwent a change. States have been seized with a mortal illness – blood poisoning. All that remains is to await the end of their death agony.

Thus, while States are gravitating toward a Universal Republic, the Super-State becomes an infrangible dictatorship, which according to its will grinds them down or else thoroughly infects them; that Super State is called Judeo-Masonry.

### **3. Anti-Catholic**

Hence, the supreme aim of the Sect, as it has been pointed out by the Popes, is none other than the complete destruction of the Church and the Papacy. Pope Leo XIII persistently underscores this rigorous consequence and says:

Since the proper and very special mission of the Catholic Church consists in the safeguarding of the incorruptible purity of the doctrines revealed by God, as well as that of established authority for their teaching and other God given help for the salvation of mankind; it is inevitable that the major antagonism and most violent attacks of the Sect should be directed against the Church . . . Therefore, even at the cost of a lengthy and opinionated labor the Sect’s purpose is to reduce to naught the teaching, and authority of the Church among the civilian population. . . .

The enmity of the sectarians against the Apostolic See of the Roman Pontiff has increased its intensity . . . until now the evil doers have reached the aim which had, for a long time that of their evil designs, namely, their proclamation that the moment has come to suppress the Roman Pontiff’s sacred power and to completely destroy this Papacy which was divinely instituted.

Lastly, Leo XIII concludes in unmasking the Satanism of Judeo-Masonry:

The facts which we have reviewed throw sufficient light upon inner constitution of Freemasons and show clearly the road they are following in order to reach their goal. Their chief dogmas are so completely and manifestly opposed to sane reason that it is

difficult to imagine deeper perversion. In reality is it not the peak of madness and of the most audacious impiety to be so presumptuous as to want to destroy the religion and the Church created by God Himself: and assured of His perpetual protection; and after 18 centuries to want to replace it with the customs and institutions of pagans?

Still no less horrible nor easy to bear to witness the repudiation of those gifts which, in His mercy, Jesus Christ bestowed first on individuals, then to human beings grouped both in families and in nations. Even the enemies of Christianity acknowledge the supreme value of those gifts.

There is no denying that in this foolish and criminal plan it is easy to understand the implacable hatred and passion for revenge which animate Satan toward Jesus Christ. We refuse to follow the dictates of such iniquitous masters that bear the names of Satan and of all evil passions.

### **Pope Pius X 1903-1914**

Pope Pius X, successor of Pope Leo XIII, gave his greater attention to Sillonism and to Modernism, but, nevertheless he did not forget the destructive work of Freemasonry. He requested the Polish people to abstain from joining any conspiracy schemed by the malevolent Sects.

Later, he extended words of consolation to the faithful of France in the following words:

And now it is to you, Catholics of France, that We speak; may Our words reach you as a testimony of the tender feeling of Our love for your country and as a consolation in the midst of the terrible calamities through which you must pass. You are well aware of the self-assigned aim of the impious sectarians who have subjugated you under their yoke. With cynic audacity they themselves proclaimed their aim which was "uproot Catholicism in France." They want to extirpate from your hearts, namely its last root, the Faith which covered your ancestors with glory; the Faith which brought prosperity and greatness to your Fatherland amidst all other nations; the Faith which will be your support in the hours of your tribulation, which maintains calm and peace in your homes and opens for you the way toward eternal happiness. It is this faith which you yourselves feel has to be defended.

Lastly, Pius X loudly affirms that as he has lifted his voice:

It is not the Church who first raised the standard, she did so only because war had been declared against her.

For the last 25 years she has only had to bear the struggle. Such is the Truth. Declarations, a thousand times published and republished in the Press, in congresses, in Masonic conventions, in the very halls of Parliament, are proof in themselves that attacks against the Church have been led progressively and systematically. Such facts cannot be denied and against them mere words cannot prevail . . . (From letter of Pope Pius X to France, January 6, 1907.)

Fundamentally just as did his predecessors, Pius X denounces the maneuvers of the Counter-Church, moreover in his Letter of condemnation of the Sillon, he deliberately designates the Masonic lodges in the following terms:

We all but too well know the dens of darkness wherein those pernicious doctrines are elaborated . . . Clear minds should not be seduced by them. (From letter of Pius X to the French Episcopate August 25, 1910.)

## **Pope Benedict XV 1914-1922**

War, Armistice, Peace, all took place under the Pontificate of Benedict XV. In connection with our own viewpoint on Judeo-Masonry, we must point out the Papal condemnation of Ludovic Keller's book, *Le Basi Spirituali Della Massone-Ria E La Vita Publica* (The Spiritual Foundations of Masonry and Public Life) published in 1915. That book was condemned on June 15, 1916. Moreover, the letter from the Holy Office of the Vatican to the Ordinaries called upon their vigilant attention because of special new machinations being directed against the Faith by anti-Catholic associations. The association particularly indicated is the Y. M. C. A. (Young Men's Christian Association) which, on many occasions, has been singled out as being fundamentally Masonic in the *Revue Internationale Des Societes Secretes*. The letter from the Holy Office of November 5, 1920 particularly mentions that according to its declaration of principles, the Y. M. C. A. ". . . intends to purify and spread a more perfect knowledge of real life, placing itself above all churches and outside any religious jurisdiction." Such anticlerical transcendentalism is none other than the manifestation of Judeo-Masonry.

Furthermore, on the inside cover of our *Revue Internationale Des Societes Secretes* are reproduced the two letters addressed to me by the Holy See, which are an affirmation of the viewpoint which Pope Benedict XV held on Masonry, the same viewpoint carrying the same condemnations already pronounced by his predecessors since Pope Clement XII.

The two letters from the Vatican are herewith reproduced.

### **1. From Pope Benedict XV to Monseigneur Jouin:**

Beloved Son-Greetings and Apostolic Blessing. The eminent virtues which, in the course of your long sacerdotal career, you have shown with such resplendent light added to the high consideration in which you are held by Our Venerable Brother, Jauvier Granito di Belmonte, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Bishop of Albano, as also by the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, have prompted Our decision to honor you with a great homage.

We do know that you fulfill the obligations of your sacred ministry in the most exemplary manner; that you have the most ardent solicitude for the eternal salvation of the faithful and that with constancy and courage you have upheld the rights of the Catholic Church -- and have done so even at the peril of your own life. You have worked against the enemies of religion and We know that you spare neither work nor expenses to spread among the people your great works on those questions . . .

### **2. Letter: from His Eminence Cardinal Gasparri to Monseigneur Jouin on June 20, 1919.**

#### **From the Secretary of State of His Holiness.**

The Sovereign Pontiff with his paternal benevolence has accepted the homage of your new study on *La guerre Maconnique* (The Masonic War).

It is with unerring judgment that in the work which you have undertaken, you have endeavored to project light, by means of documentation and irrefutable proofs, upon the

inept and essentially anti-Catholic doctrine of Freemasonry, a doctrine issued from deism born of the Reformation, a doctrine which, as it is today clearly evident, leads fatally to the very denial of God, to social atheism, to irreligious teaching and impiety and is greatly detrimental to nations; it aims at removing from every association every trace of religion and every church mediation.

Above all, in spite of all lies which oftentimes deceive the Catholics themselves, you have carefully and most particularly clearly shown the identity of Freemasonry evident everywhere and always, and the continuity of the plans set by the Sects and whose master design is the destruction of the Catholic Church.

His Holiness takes pleasure in congratulating you and encouraging your work whose influence can, indeed, be so fruitful. It can induce the faithful to be vigilant and help them to fight efficaciously against everything tending to the destruction of the social order as well as of religion.

As evidence of the celestial gifts bestowed upon you and as a testimony of his paternal benevolence, the Holy Father, from his heart bestows upon you the Apostolic Blessing.

Thanking, you also for the copy of your book which you graciously sent me, and with my personal congratulations, I pray you to believe, Monseigneur, in the assurance of my complete devotion.

(signed) + *P. Cardinal Gasparri.*”

### **Pope Pius XI 1922**

For the first time the word “laicism” (which means irreligious teaching) is to be found in a Pontifical document; it is the fatal and sought for result of both the Masonic doctrine and its direct action. This fact allows me to add to the list of all the Sovereign Pontiffs who denounced and condemned Judeo-Masonry; the name of our present Pope, Pius XI, in his Encyclical *Maximam grasissimamque* of July 18, 1924, the Pope most clearly has lifted his voice against “Laicism” (irreligious teaching) in the following terms:

Whatetier Pius X did condemn, We likewise condemn it. Every time that the word “*Laicite*” (irreligious teaching) is used to convey a feeling or an intention contrary or foreign to God or religion, We condemn it. We fully reprove this “Laicism” and We openly declare that it must be reprovod.

In my own case, during the private audience which on November 16, 1923, he granted to me, His Holiness, Pius XI, asked me to continue my fight against Freemasonry because, said he:

“Masonry is our mortal enemy.”

Later, as I was recollecting the kind words addressed to me by Pope Benedict XV in the decree *Proestantes*, “With constancy and courage, you have upheld the rights of the Catholic Church and have done so even at the peril of your life,” and adding that so far I had not yet become the victim of Freemasons, His Holiness replied in a paternal manner:

Did not Saint Augustine, who is the patron of your parish in Paris, speak of the martyrs of the pen? [The Parish of which Monseigneur Jouin was head for many years and until his death was called Saint Augustine.]



Such a denunciation of “*Laicism*,” as well as the encouragement given me to continue the fight against Masonry, confirm the Pontifical condemnations pronounced since Pope Clement XII; it also follows the inspired words of Pope Leo XIII:

In the realm of spiritual salvation, there is no middle way: one either follows the road to perdition or else fights without limit to the very end.

Therefore, our conclusion is contained in just two words: unity of purpose and viewpoint and unity of action shown by the Sovereign Pontiffs in regard to Freemasonry. Fifteen years after the publication of the *Constitutions* of Anderson in 1723, there appeared the constitution “*In Eminent*” of Pope Clement XII April 28, 1738. Is there in the history of the Church a heresy which met with such a swift condemnation? Another fact equally remarkable is that all the Popes based their ulterior condemnations on this Pontifical act of Clement XII showing clearly that there was but one Voice, but one cry of disapproval when it came to pronounce the anathema against Secret Societies and striking their members with the most rigorous censure which the Church can apply.

Even though incomplete, here follows a list of documents as proof of the above:

- Clement XII: *In Eminent* -- April 28, 1738
- Benedict XIV: *Providas* -- March 16, 1751
- Clement XIII: *A. Quodie* -- Sept. 14, 1758
- Clement XIII: *Ut Primum* -- Sept. 3, 1759
- Clement XIII: *Christiana Reipublicae Salus* -- Nov. 25, 1766
- Pius VI: *Inscrutabile* -- Dec. 25, 1775
- Pius VII: *Ecclesiam a Jesu Christo* -- Sept. 14, 1820
- Leo XII: *Quo Graviora* -- March 13, 1826
- Pius VII: *Traditi* -- May 21, 1829
- Gregory XVI: *Mirari Vos* -- Aug. 15, 1832
- Pius IX: *Qui Pluribus* -- Nov 9, 1846
- Pius IX: *Omnibus Quantisque* -- April 20, 1849
- Pius IX: *Multiplices Inter* -- Sept 25, 1865
- Leo XIII: *Humanum Genus* -- April 20, 1884
- Leo XIII: *Letter to Italian Episcopate* -- Dec. 8, 1892
- Leo XIII: *Letter to the Italian People* -- Dec. 8, 1892
- Pius X: *Vehementer* -- Feb 11, 1906
- Pius X: *Letter to France* -- Jan 6, 1907

Add to this the condemnation of the Y. M. C. A. by the Holy Office, Nov. 5, 1920 and also the decree through which I was made a Prelate, signed by Pope Benedict XV, followed by the Letter of Cardinal Gasparri, praising my book, *Guerre Maconnique* (Masonic War). Then, again, remember the Encyclical of His Holiness Pius XI against irreligious teaching in schools and his encouragement to me to continue my anti-Judeo-Masonic fight, and you will thus have before you a chain whose links are inseparably united.

It is this unity of viewpoints which demonstrates that the Papacy has but one voice and is the judiciary power of those Societies which actually form the whole of Judeo-Masonry.

As to the unity of action of the Popes, it is also worthy of attention. Ever since 1738, all the Sovereign Pontiffs have denounced, stigmatized and condemned the great harlot of the 20th

century, that “Well of Perdition,” “Bottomless Abyss of Misery which was dug by those conspiring Societies in which the Heresies and Sects have, it may be said, vomited as in a privy, everything they held in their insides of Sacrilege and Blasphemy.” (Leo XIII.)

Ever since 1738, all the Sovereign Pontiffs denounced, stigmatized and condemned the enemy of the State which, according to Pope Leo XIII, already during the past century, possessed a power almost equivalent to “sovereignty” and which, toady, calls itself the Super-State.

Ever since 1738, all the Sovereign Pontiffs denounced, stigmatized and condemned the enemy of the Church, the Counter-Church, whose proclaimed aim is to “deatholicize the world.”

It seeks to rebuild on the ashes of the Christian civilization the pagan barbarism, and to build on the ruins of the Papacy the world domination of Israel; furthermore, as a sign of its victory, it wants to erect over the overthrown throne of Jesus Christ the very throne of Satan.

Ever since 1738, all the Sovereign Pontiffs denounced, stigmatized and condemned what has hitherto become the world evolution of Judeo-Masonry which, now, on earth, admits that it has but one adversary, namely, the Catholic Church, whose agony it is now witnessing.

However, the Popes equally deplore the indifference of those Catholics who fail to see Their silent tears and fail to heed Their heart-rending appeals; they constitute a race of people indifferent and asleep, a string of Mute Hounds, afraid, of whom Pope Clement XIII, said:

If We allow ourselves to be shaken by the audacity of evil-doers, then the Episcopal strength is come to an end; the sublime and divine authority of the Church no longer exists; it is then useless to look upon ourselves as Christians if we have sunk so low as to tremble before the threats of the snares of the evil-doers.

Being anxious to be neither indifferent nor asleep, nor again a Mute Hound in the Church Militant, but to be on the contrary, even though from afar, linked to the dogs of the Lord, the Dominicans, of whom, in the 13th century, spoke Jeanne d’ Aza, mother of Saint Dominic, at the time of the Church struggle against the Albigenses; in order also not to be counted among the cowards who flee from the battlefield and whom, when in 1870 the Germans invaded France, Saint Bernadette said: “I fear only the bad Christians;” for such reasons I founded the *Revue Internationale Des Societes Secretes*. I, today, also want to thank all the companions who in this struggle, both in work and in prayer have allied themselves with my humble but persevering efforts.

Yes! let us of the league of St. Michael remain united in prayer for the conversion of Masons and Jews. Let us be united in our efforts to respond to the concordant voice of the Sovereign Pontiffs, in order to destroy, inasmuch as lies in our possibilities, the Judeo-Masonic Sect. When will this be? In God’s own hour which seems to be very close. What can be done against this world power? Everything!

In the strength of Him who bears on His shoulder the invincible sign of His power; we can accomplish everything in the power of Him who Christianized the world and which, in the end, Judeo-Masonry, can neither de-Christianize nor re-Paganize -- Yes! we can accomplish everything in the strength of Him whose Holy Sepulchre or the dome of Saint Peter in Rome cannot be darkened by the shadows cast by the Masonic Lodges -- the Kabbalistic mysteries of the Ghettos will not alter a single iota of the Gospel or of the Credo; the accumulation of gold in the hands of high finance will ever fail to buy the conscience of Christ’s representative in the Vatican.

*Vade Satana!* Get thee behind me Satan with thy legions of rebellious angels, with thy early workers of iniquity, the Judeo-Masons!

Christ is near! To-day He comes! Tomorrow He will be here!

Let us therefore say, according to the words of Saint Augustine: *Dicamus in fide*, let us say in the full energy of our faith; *Dicamus in spe*: let us say in the strength of our hope; *Dicamus flagrantissima caritate*. Let us say in the burning fervor of our charity:

If God is with us, who can prevail against us? (*Si Deus Pro Nobis, Quis Contra Nos?*)

God is with us in this fight which is our fight -- the fight of the papacy against Judeo-masonry.