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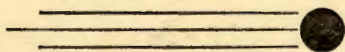
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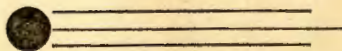
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I invite your attention to the reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Tim. 4:)

After warning concerning "doctrines of devils" and the fact that the teachers of those doctrines are "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron", Paul says in I Timothy 4:1-7, that "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ". That is what I am trying to do tonight.

Only Official Catholic Book Used

If the things I say are not true this service is unpardonable, but if they are true they will need no apology. I want to say for the benefit of those who may be with us for the first time that through the years I have used only official Catholic books which have the "check and double check" of Catholic authorities. Furthermore, I never quote from any books that cannot be produced in court if necessary. If any one thinks I am misrepresenting or libeling the Catholic Church he cannot please me more than to take these matters to court. The result would be that I would prove every thing I say and would be on the front page of the newspapers of the world and it would not cost me anything.

Our lesson tonight is, "The Roman Catholic Church—Un-American, Our Greatest Menace." There have been many books and pamphlets written by the hierarchy to try to make the American people believe that the Roman Catholic Church is a

good American institution. These writers usually allege as evidence of that claim, the fact that many Catholic boys, through the years, when our country happened to be in danger, enlisted in the different armed services of our country, fought and died for this country, therefore, the Catholic Church is a loyal American institution. Those who thus gave their all were laymen — not clergymen.

The Laity Does Not Know

I have in former lessons made reference to the difference between the clergy and the laity. The latter has nothing whatever to do with shaping the policies of the Roman Catholic Church, and Catholic authorities speak of the clergy as the "teaching Church." The word hierarchy, in Catholic parlance, means the rule of priests. So, the laity is simply expected to receive what is taught and submit to the rule of the clergy without question. The hierarchy shapes all the policies and formulates all the teaching of the Catholic Church, and if they are not in favor of our institutions they will not tell the laity about it until the proper time. They would certainly not broadcast their disloyalty to American institutions so long as they only claim one out of six of the American people as members. So I completely absolve the laity of the things to which I object.

Pope Over Every Human Creature

Tonight I want to enter immediately into this matter and find out what the hierarchy teaches *at the present time, in America*, in their books, which do not usually fall into the hands of the laity and the general public, with reference to the powers and authority claimed for the Pope of Rome and for the hierarchy. I have a little book that I bought in a second hand book store that was written by a member of the American hierarchy, and was used, no doubt, in the parochial schools of this country. This book says: "The dogmatic definition contained in the Bull (by Boniface VIII at the beginning of the fourteenth century) is the doctrine necessarily held by every Catholic, namely that by divine law all men are subject to the jurisdiction of Saint Peter and his successors, the Roman Pontiffs." (Short History of the Catholic Church, by Brother Gustavus, 101, 102).

Popes Over Kings And Kingdoms

I want you to think of that for a moment. More than six-hundred and fifty years ago the Pope declared that he had

authority over every human being on earth and in the twentieth century it is still affirmed, and the little school children in the United States are being taught this very un-American doctrine! The exact statement concerning Boniface VIII in Catholic Encyclopedia is, "By the Bull 'Salvator Mundi' he (Boniface VIII) withdrew the indulgences by which the French King collected canonically ecclesiastical revenue for the defense of the kingdom, i.e., he reestablished in vigor the 'Clericis Laicos', and in the famous Bull 'Ausculat Fili' (Listen, O Son) of 5 Dec., 1301, he stood forth as the mouthpiece of the medieval papacy, and as the genuine successor of the Gregories and the Innocents. In it he appeals to the kings to listen to the Vicar of Christ, who is placed over kings and kingdoms (cf. Jer., 1, 10). He is the keeper of the keys, the judge of the living and the dead, and sits on the throne of justice, with power to extirpate all iniquity. He is the head of the Church, which is one and stainless, and not a many-headed monster, and has full divine authority to pluck out and tear down, to build up and plant. Let not the king imagine that he has no superior, is not subject to the highest authority in the Church." (Catholic Encyclopedia, II, 666).

Catholic Church Over Civil Governments

The Catholic Encyclopedia further comments on this arrogant claim as follows: "Then follow some principles and conclusions concerning the spiritual and the secular power: (1) Under the control of the Church are two swords, that is two powers, the expression referring to the medieval theory of the two swords, the spiritual and the secular. This is substantiated by the customary reference to the swords of the Apostles at the arrest of Christ (Luke xxii, 38; Matt. xxvi, 52). (2) Both swords are in the power of the Church; the spiritual is wielded in the Church by the hand of the clergy; the secular is to be employed for the Church by the hand of the civil authority, but under the direction of the spiritual power. (3) The one sword must be subordinate to the other: the earthly power must submit to the spiritual authority, as this has precedence of the secular on the account of its greatness and sublimity; for the spiritual power has the right to establish and guide the secular power, and also to judge it when it does not act rightly. When, however, the earthly power goes astray, it is judged by the higher, the highest power is judged by God. (4) This authority, although granted to man, and exercised by man, is not a human authority, but rather a divine one, granted to Peter by divine commission and confirmed in him and his successors. Consequently, whoever opposes this power ordained

of God opposes the law of God and seems like a Manichæan, to accept two principles. Now, therefore, we declare, say, determine and pronounce that for every human creature it is necessary for salvation to be subject to the authority of the Roman Pontiff." (Cath. Ency., XV, 126).

Catholic Flag Over the U. S. Flag!

In these quotations we see that the hierarchy in the United States contends that every citizen of the United States, yea of the world, is under the authority of the Pope! This asserts that all civil authority is inferior to the hierarchy and subject to it. That the Catholic Church has the right to judge civil government including the United States! That is why the Catholic flag is placed above the United States flag in the armed services of our country. Tom Heflin, Senator from Alabama, objected to this practice on the floor of the United States Senate, and though he was from a predominantly Protestant state (Alabama), the Catholic Church very cleverly induced the voters to retire the Senator at the next election, because the voters were made to believe that the Senator had acted in an un-American fashion in bringing up religion! How gullible can the American people become? Members of the Catholic Church are citizens of the Pope's government and subject to his authority! While many Catholics, no doubt are ignorant in this matter, yet no informed person can escape the conclusion that a *loyal subject of the hierarchy cannot be a loyal American!*

While we are on these arrogant claims for the Pope and the hierarchy let us examine, some more revealing quotations.

Americanism Condemned By The Pope

One of the most controversial documents of the last hundred years, on this subject is the "Syllabus of Errors" by Pius IX. Here are some of its many un-American pronouncements: number 15 of these propositions condemned by the Pope, states that a man does not have the right to choose his religion; number 24, that the Catholic Church has the right to employ force to compel obedience; number 43, that the Catholic Church should enjoy immunities and that no civil state has the right to object to these special privileges. This is the basis for the "Concordats" arranged with all governments that will permit it; numbers 45 to 48 claim for the Catholic Church exclusive right over all schools, which would do away with public schools; number 55 claims that the Church and State should be united, which is really the claim that the State should be subordinated to, and under the complete control of the Catholic Church; number

77 declares that the Catholic religion should be the only one permitted; number 78 insists that non-Catholics coming to a Catholic country should not be allowed to worship publicly. This is the reason why the church of Christ has been persecuted in Italy for several years; why the "Concordate" signed between Franco, puppet of the Pope, and the Vatican, August 27, 1953 states that "no other ceremonies or external demonstrations than those of the Catholic religion shall be permitted" (Brooklyn Tablet, September 5, 1953). It is because of this very un-American doctrine that the following diabolical treatment is accorded Protestants in Columbia South America from 1948 to 1953:

Dynamiting Protestant Buildings—Killing Protestants Now

"The *News Bulletin* of the Evangelical Confederation of Columbia published a summary of the persecution of Protestants there during the past five years. Items: 42 school buildings destroyed by fire and dynamite, 31 damaged, ten confiscated; 110 Protestant primary schools closed, 54 of them by government order, the rest by violence; 51 Protestant men, women and children killed, \$148,000 lost in buildings destroyed, damaged or confiscated." (*Time Magazine*, October 5, 1953).

Do we want this sort of an institution to take over America? Should they be allowed to promote such an institution in this land of freedom?

Knights Of Columbus Un-American

Let us not imagine that the "Syllabus" of Pius IX just described is now disowned by the hierarchy in America. The 800,000 Knights of Columbus are completely committed to the belief and defense of this un-American document, as the following quotations from Catholic Encyclopedia clearly show:

"*Importance.*—The importance of the Syllabus lies in its opposition to the high tide of that intellectual movement of the nineteenth century which strove to sweep away the foundation of all human and divine order. The Syllabus is not only the defence of the inalienable rights of God, of the Church, and of truth against the abuse of the words *freedom* and *culture* on the part of unbridled Liberalism, but it is also a protest, earnest and energetic, against the attempt to eliminate the influences of the Catholic Church on the life of nations and of individuals, on the family and the school. In its nature, it is true, the Syllabus is negative and condemnatory; but it received its complement in the decisions of the Vatican Council and in the Encyclicals of Leo XIII. It is precisely its fearless character that perhaps accounts for its influence on the life of the Church

toward the end of the nineteenth century; for it threw a sharp, clear light upon the reef and rock in the intellectual currents of the time." (Catholic Encyclopedia, XIV, 369).

So the Knights of Columbus think that these un-American doctrines are "inalienable rights of God, of the Church, and of truth"! How can a Knight of Columbus be a loyal American?

Webster defines "*inalienable*" as "incapable of being alienated, surrendered, or transferred".

Showing that the American hierarchy and the Knights of Columbus still support this very offensive document, they say: "All Catholics are bound to accept the Syllabus." (Catholic Encyclopedia, XIV, 369).

Pope Claims Authority Over All!

Next to the last Pope (Pius XI), in his Encyclical, *Light of Truth*, said the, "Roman Pontiff has from on high an authority which is supreme, above all others and subject to none" (page 5).

Pope Leo XIII said: "We (the Pope) hold upon this earth the place of God almighty." (Great Encyclical Letters, 304).

Catholic Encyclopedia (*a Knights of Columbus production*) further says: "He (Christ) established a hierarchy of jurisdiction. Moreover, he established His Church as a visible, external, and perfect society; hence He conferred on its hierarchy the right to legislate for the good of that society. For this double purpose, the sanctification of souls and the good or welfare of religious society, the hierarchy of jurisdiction is endowed with the following rights: (1) the right to frame and sanction laws which it considers useful or necessary, i. e. legislative power; (2) the right to judge how the faithful observe these laws, i. e. judicial power; (3) the right to enforce obedience, and to punish disobedience to its laws, i. e. coercive power; (4) the right to make all due provisions for the proper celebration of worship, i. e. administrative power." (Catholic Encyclopedia, VIII, 323).

Pope "As God Himself"!

Hear Pope Leo XIII again: "But the supreme teacher in the Church is the Roman Pontiff. Union of minds, therefore, requires together with a perfect accord in the one faith, complete submission and obedience of will to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff as to God Himself." (Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII, 193).

The following extensive quotation from Pope Leo XIII represents equality of religions which prevails in the United States

and condemns our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

“Thus, as is evident, a State becomes nothing but a multitude, (mob—O. C. L.) which is its own master and ruler. And since the populace is declared to contain within itself the springhead of all rights and of all power, it follows that the State does not consider itself bound by any kind of duty toward God. Moreover it believes that it is not obligated to make any public profession of any religion; or to enquire which of the very many religions is the only true one; or to prefer one religion to all the rest; or to show to any form of religion special favor; but, on the contrary, is bound to grant equal rights to every creed, so that the public order may not be disturbed by any particular form of religious belief.

“And it is a part of this theory that all questions that concern religion are to be referred to private judgment; that every one is free to follow whatever religion he prefers or none at all if he disproves of all. From this the following consequences logically flow: that the judgment of each ones conscience is independent of all law; that the most unrestrained opinions may be openly expressed as to the practice or omission of divine worship; and that every one has unbounded license to think whatever he chooses and to publish abroad what he thinks.

“Now when the State rests on foundations like those just named—and for the time being they are greatly in favor—it really appears unto what and how unrightful a position the Church is driven. For when the management of public business is in harmony with doctrines of such a kind, the Catholic religion is allowed a standing in civil society equal only, or inferior, to societies alien from it; no regard is paid to the laws of the Church and she who, by the order and commission of Jesus Christ, has the duty of teaching all nations, finds herself forbidden to take any part in the instruction of the people. With reference to matters that are of twofold jurisdiction, they who administer the civil power lay down the law at their own will, and in matters that appertain to religion defiantly put aside the most sacred decrees of the Church. They claim jurisdiction over the marriage of Catholics, even over the bond as well as the unity and the indissolubility of matrimony. They lay hands on the goods of the clergy, contending that the Church cannot possess property. Lastly, they treat the Church with such arrogance that, rejecting entirely her title to the nature and rights of a perfect society, they hold that she differs in no respect from other societies in the State, and for this reason possesses no right

nor any legal power of action, save that which she holds by the concession and favor of the government. If in any State, the Church retains her own right, and this with the approval of the civil law, owing to an agreement publically entered into by the two powers—men forthwith begin to cry that matters affecting the Church must be separated from those of the State.

“Their object in uttering this cry is to be able to violate unpunished their plighted faith, and in all things to have unchecked control. And as the Church, unable to abandon her chiefest and most sacred duty, cannot patiently put up with this, and asks that the pledge given to her be fully and scrupulously acted up to, contentions frequently arise between the ecclesiastical and the civil power of which the issue commonly is, that the weaker power yields to the one which is stronger in human resources.” (Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII, 120-122).

This one blasphemously arrogant statement almost covers the field of our present enquiry. Let us list the things real Americans believe that are here brazenly denied: first, that the people have a right to make the laws, or as our Declaration of Independence expresses it, that governments “derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.” Second, that all religions should be treated equally, or that we should have freedom of religion. This puts him squarely against the First Amendment in our Bill of rights; the third thing condemned in this quotation is Free Thought; the fourth is Free Speech; the fifth, Free Press; the sixth is Separation of Church and State; the seventh, a state free from Catholic domination; the eighth, Public Schools; ninth, civil marriage, which in their language “is not a marriage in any sense;” tenth, taking away from the Catholic Church coercing power or the power to kill men who will not submit, even by the most savage means. They speak of “extirpating” and “exterminating” Protestants! They speak in praise of the Inquisition which burned millions at the stake for eight hundred years! The Popes speak yearningly for the “ancient authority”.

Pope Urges Hierarchy To “Resume” Authority.

“But ecclesiastics should resume their ancient authority, and an interdict or an excommunication should make kings and kingdoms tremble as in the days of Nicholas I or Gregory VII.” (Life of Leo XIII, 540). “To restrain and bring back her rebellious sons THE CHURCH USES both her spiritual power AND THE SECULAR POWER AT HER COMMAND” (Cath. Ency., VII, 261). (The emphasis in this statement is mine—O. C. L.).

You will note that these recent statements are in the present tense, and that the quotation is from Catholic Encyclopedia, which was issued by the Knights of Columbus. So this is what the Knights of Columbus believe!!! Should this institution, with its boasted 800,000 members in America, be allowed to have unlimited privilege to plot the destruction of America? Our people are so naive that Francis P. Matthews, former head of the Knights of Columbus was appointed Secretary of the Navy in 1945 and continued in that position until 1951!

Will They Go To Court?

There is an unlimited amount of material in the form of quotations from books by the highest authorities in the Catholic Church, asserting these blasphemous, arrogant, insulting and un-American claims, and remember, I have every book from which I quote, and will be delighted in the opportunity to present these things before any congressional or senatorial committee, or any court in the land. The facts are I have been denied these privileges for more than twenty years! *The hierarchy or the Knights of Columbus will not dare to put these things to the test!*

As you will note, these "rights" are claimed for the Pope exclusively, and whatever authority is exercised by Cardinals, Arch-bishops, bishops or priests are but an extension of the pretended "rights" of the Pope. The Pope simply delegates to them their authority. This point is so important to this investigation I cannot refrain from giving quite a few more statements, but time would fail me to give more than a portion of the material I have gleaned in more than forty years of reading Catholic literature.

Pope Over All!

"Wherefore resting on plain testimonies of the Sacred Writings, and adhering to the plain and express decrees, both of our predecessors, the Roman Pontiffs, and of the General Councils, we renew the definition of the Oecumenical Council of Florence (1439 A. D.), in virtue of which all the faithful of Christ must believe that the Holy Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff possesses the primacy over the whole world, and that the Roman Pontiff is the successor of the Blessed Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and is true Vicar of Christ, and head of the whole Church, and the Father and Teacher of all Christians; and that full power was given to him in Blessed Peter to rule, feed, and govern the Universal Church by Jesus Christ Our Lord, as is

contained in the Acts of the General Councils, and in the Sacred Canons.

“Hence we teach and declare that by the appointment of Our Lord, the Roman possesses a superiority of ordinary power over all other churches, and that this power of jurisdiction of the Roman Pontiff, which is truly Episcopal, is immediate; to which all, of whatever rite or dignity, both pastors and faithful, both individually and collectively, are bound by their duty of hierarchical subordination, and true obedience, to submit not only in matters which belong to faith and morals, but also in those that pertain to the discipline and government throughout the world, so that the Church of Christ may be one flock, under the one supreme pastor, through the preservation of unity both of communion and profession of the same faith with the Roman Pontiff. This is the teaching of Catholic truth from which no one can deviate without loss of faith and of salvation.” (Dogmatic Decrees of the Council of Trent, 159, 160; Also in Teachings of the Catholic Church, 143, 144).

“Whole Community—Bound To Obey!

“But the Episcopal order is rightly judged to be in communion with Peter, as Christ commanded, if it be subject to and obeys Peter; otherwise it necessarily becomes a lawless and disorderly crowd. It is not sufficient for the due preservation of the unity of the faith that the head should merely have been charged with the office of superintendent, or that should have been invested solely with a power of direction. But it is absolutely necessary that he should have received real and sovereign authority which the whole community is bound to obey.” (Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII, 384).

“The very fact that the Church could call upon the civil power to repress rebellion against her teaching proves conclusively that the men of that day considered the Church’s teaching necessary for the well being of society. Many non-Catholics of today find this viewpoint difficult to understand, for with them religion is a matter of human opinion. They believe that a man is free to choose his religious beliefs as he chooses the style of his coat, or his political opinions. They have ceased to regard religious truth as something objective; they have ceased to believe in Divine revelation.” (Question Box, 192).

In The Present Tense!

“To restrain and bring back her rebellious sons the Church

uses both her own spiritual power and the secular power at her command." (Catholic Encyclopedia, VII, 261).

"The Church established by Christ, as a perfect society, is empowered to make laws and inflict penalties for their violation. Heresy not only violates her law but strikes at her very life, unity of belief, and from the beginning the heretic had incurred all the penalties of the ecclesiastical courts." (Catholic Encyclopedia, VIII, 36).

Still Claim These "Rights"!

"Ecclesiastical courts have lost much importance in modern times; in some countries by mutual agreement between the Holy See and the civil power, their jurisdiction is limited to purely ecclesiastical matters. In other places the same restrictions are placed upon them by the State, but the Church does not renounce her claims. The privilege of the court is of divine right or, as more commonly held, based on divine right and formally established by ecclesiastical authority, so that while it may be modified in its applications and its exercise partially suspended, it cannot be given up altogether." (General Legislation in the New Code of Canon Law, 251, 252).

"Compel Heretics, Schismatics and Apostates"

"Although the Church having authority over all baptized persons, might compel heretics, schismatics and apostates to have their children receive the sacrament of Baptism, ordinarily she does not exercise that right, and when both parents are non-Catholics she applies to their children the same rule as those of infidels." (Legislation on the Sacraments in the New Code of Canon Law, 29).

Hierarchy Against Liberty

"Although in the extraordinary conditions of these times the Church usually acquiesces in certain modern liberties, not because she prefers them in themselves but because she judges it expedient to permit them, she would in happier times exercise her own liberty." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 158).

Cannot Enforce—Claim "Right" To Do So.

"These generally agree that, *per se*, baptized non-Catholics are not exempt from the observance of ecclesiastical laws, because by Baptism a man becomes a member of the Church, although there may be, here and now, an obstacle preventing him from being an actual member. The Church is not in a position to enforce these laws, but the right to do so is still radically in-

herent in the society established by Christ." (A commentary on Canon Law, by "Rev. P. Charles Augustine, I, 88).

"The Church, indeed, deems it unlawful to place the various forms of divine worship on the same footing as the true religion." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 127).

Pope Condemns Americanism!

"From what has been said, it follows that it is quite unlawful to demand, to defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing or of worship, as if these were so many rights given by nature to man." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 161).

"Hence from all that we have hitherto said, it is clear, beloved son, that we cannot approve the opinions which some comprise under the head of Americanism." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 452).

Contradicts Declaration Of Independence

"Ecclesiastical law, then, binds those for whom it is made, independently of the acceptance of the law by the people." (Manual of Moral Theology, I, 95).

"Again it is not lawful for the State, any more than for the individual, either to disregard all religious duties or to hold in equal favor different kinds of religion; that the unrestrained freedom of thinking and of openly making known one's thoughts is not inherent in the rights of citizens, and by no means to be reckoned worthy of favor and support. In like manner, it is to be understood that the Church no less than the State itself is a society perfect in its own nature and its own right, and that those who exercise sovereignty ought not to so act as to compel the Church to become subservient or subject to them, or to hamper her liberty in the management of her own affairs, or to despoil her in any way of other privileges conferred upon her by Jesus Christ." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 126).

Forbid Freedom Of Thought

"The intolerance of the Church toward error, the natural position of one who is the custodian of truth, her only reasonable attitude makes her forbid her children to read or listen to heretical controversy, or to endeavor to discover religious truth by examining both sides of the question." (Explanation of Catholic Morals, 35).

Of those who finally go into the Catholic Church she says:

"Once he does so, he has no further use for his reason. He enters the Church, an edifice illumined by the superior light of

revelation and faith. He can leave reason like a lantern, at the door." (Explanation of Catholic Morals, 76).

Desire Union Of Church And State

"Nor can we hope for happier results either for religion or for the civil government from the wishes of those who desire for the Church to be separated from the State, and the concord between secular and ecclesiastical authority be dissolved. It is clear that these men, who yearn for a shameless liberty, live in dread of an agreement which has always been fraught with good and advantageous alike to sacred and civil interests." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 125).

"Others oppose not the existence of the Church nor indeed could they; yet they despoil her of the nature and rights of a perfect society, and maintain that it does not belong to her to legislate, to judge, or to punish, but only to exhort, to advise and to rule her subjects in accordance with their own consent and will. By such opinions they pervert the nature of this divine society, and attenuate and narrow its authority, its office of teacher, and its whole efficiency; and at the same time they aggrandize the power of the civil government to such an extent as to subject the Church of God to the empire and sway of the State, like any voluntary association of citizens." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 160).

"The Pontiff was first for specious reasons, thrust from the bulwark of his liberty, and of his right the civil principedom; soon he was unjustly driven into a condition which was unbearable because of the difficulties raised on all sides." (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 91).

Advocate "Violent Overthrow of Governments!"

Remember the long quotation from this same Leo XIII including this very significant statement: "contentions frequently arise between the ecclesiastical and the civil power of which the issue commonly is, that the weaker power yields to the one which is stronger in human resources." (Great Encyclical Letters, 122).

Let me repeat here again the statement already given from the Knights of Columbus production, the Catholic Encyclopedia (VII, 261):

"To restrain and bring back her rebellious sons **THE CHURCH USES** both her spiritual power **AND THE SECULAR POWER AT HER COMMAND.**"

For fear we did not get the full impact of the statement, I now repeat another short statement from Leo XIII showing that

the only reason the Catholic Church is not *barbecueing* people on the public squares of the country today, as she did for eight hundred years, is simply inability to do so:

“Although in the extraordinary conditions of these times the Church usually acquiesces in certain modern liberties, not because she prefers them in themselves but because she judges it expedient to permit them, SHE WOULD IN HAPPIER TIMES EXERCISE HER LIBERTY.” (Leo XIII in Great Encyclical Letters, 158).

I want to give a short portion of another quotation already given, which points up in the clearest and most unmistakable fashion the gist of our present study: “In it he (Pope Boniface VIII, December 5, 1301) appeals to the king to listen to the Vicar of Christ, WHICH IS PLACED OVER KINGS AND KINGDOMS cf. Jer. 1, 10). He (the Pope) is the keeper of the keys, the judge of the living and the dead, and sits on the throne of justice, WITH POWER TO EXTIRPATE ALL INIQUITY. He is the head of the Church, which is one and stainless, and not a many headed monster, AND HAS FULL DIVINE AUTHORITY TO PLUCK OUT AND TEAR DOWN, to build up and plant. Let not the king imagine that he has no superior, is not subject to the highest authority in the Church.” (Catholic Encyclopedia, II, 666).

So the author of the Question Box stated that Protestants “find this viewpoint difficult to understand, for with them religion is a matter of human opinion. They believe that a man is free to choose his religious beliefs as he chooses the style of his coat, or his political opinions.” (page 192). Oh, yes, we understand this Catholic teaching well enough. WE FEAR IT, AND HATE IT!

Violent Overthrow of Government!

Listen to this very important authority in the Catholic Church, a book that has been current for nearly a hundred years here in America, as it unblushingly advocates THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT!

“There is nothing strange in attributing to the Roman Pontiff, as the Vicar of Him whose is the earth and the fullness thereof, the world and all that dwell therein, the fullest authority to lay bare, a just cause moving him, NOT ONLY THE SPIRITUAL BUT ALSO THE MATERIAL SWORD, AND SO TO TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTIES, BREAK SCEPTERS AND REMOVE CROWNS.” (Catholic Dictionary, 258).

“But ecclesiastics should, at the same time, resume their ancient authority, and an interdiction or an excommunication

should make kings and kingdoms tremble as in the days of Nicholas I or Gregory VII." (Leo XIII in Life of Leo XIII, 540).

This shows that the Pope is chafing under restraints today and yearning for the "good old days" when he overthrew governments *violently* at will!

We have a sample of this frightening menace in Pius V and Gregory XIII who massacred the Huguenots (French Protestants) with more savagery than was ever exhibited by the American Indians in the early days. Of "St." Pius V (IMpius V!) Catholic Encyclopedia, that good old Knights of Columbus work, says that this Pope who furnished Charles IX 6000 troops, wrote Cathrine D'Medici, the King's mother as follows:

"If your majesty continues openly and freely to fight the enemies of the Catholic Church unto utter destruction divine help will never fail you." (Catholic Encyclopedia, XIII, 306).

On the same page this Knights of Columbus work says of "St." Pius V:

"To establish political peace and RELIGIOUS UNITY BY THE ROYAL SWORD WAS THE INEXORABLE DREAM OF PIUS V"! From all the quotations we have presented it is very clear that this same dream is shared by the popes of our day!

In true gangster style the Catholic forces fell on the unsuspecting Protestants and according to Catholic writers the streets ran with blood. "St." Pius V died one month before his plans were carried out, so it was Gregory XIII, an adulterer, with an illegitimate son (Catholic Encyclopedia, VII, 2, 3; Von Ranke's History of the Popes, I, 290) who put the finishing touches on this infamous affair, and he had a mural painted in the Pope's apartment in commemoration of this infamous outrage! He ordered bonfires lighted in Rome and medals struck! "Then all the Cardinals repaired to the Church of St. Mark for the Te Deum, and prayed and offered prayers that the Most Christian King might rid and purge his entire kingdom of the Huguenot plague" (Catholic Encyclopedia, XIII, 337).

Since the good old days of Pius V and Gregory XIII the hierarchy deplors the "chilling influence of Protestantism"! Before Protestantism got in its work of deliverance, the Catholic Church for eight hundred years burned millions at the stake. Now for more than a hundred years Catholic fires have gone out!

"When the spirit of religion which had warmed the hearts of European nations (and barbecued the bodies of millions of those

who could not otherwise be subdued.—O. C. L.) felt the chilling influence of Protestantism, the Popes ceased to exercise a power which they had wielded only for the good of society, and which society now called in question.” (General History by Darras, II, 192).

Burning At Stake Not Cruel!

“The charge of cruelty is also easy to meet. All repressive measures cause suffering of inconvenience of some sort; it is their nature. But they are not therefore cruel. The father who chastises his guilty son is just and may be tenderhearted. Cruelty comes in where the punishment exceeds the requirements of the case. Opponents say: Precisely; the rigors of the Inquisition violated all humane feelings. We answer; They offend the feelings of later ages in which there is less regard for purity of faith; but they did not antagonize the feelings of their own time, when heresy was looked on as more malignant than treason. . . Toleration came in only when faith went out; lenient measures were resorted to only where the power to apply more severe measures was wanting.” (Catholic Encyclopedia, VII, 262). It is very evident that these things do not offend the Knights of Columbus who brought out this work! This again shows unmistakably that the Knights of Columbus and the American hierarchy have the identical ideals of the Catholic Church throughout history, the destruction of everything real Americans hold dear. On this point let me repeat another statement from that modern exponent of Catholic tyranny, Pope Leo XIII:

“From what has been said IT IS QUITE UNLAWFUL TO DEMAND, TO DEFEND, OR TO GRANT UNCONDITIONAL FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, OF SPEECH, OF WRITING OR OF WORSHIP, AS IF THESE WERE SO MANY RIGHTS GIVEN BY NATURE TO MAN.” (Great Encyclical Letters, 161).

For fear we would not understand, he clarifies as follows:

“Hence from all we have hitherto said, it is clear, beloved son, that we cannot approve the opinions which some comprise under the head of Americanism.” (Great Encyclical Letters, 252).

Every American should have a copy of this last named work. It contains more un-Americanism per page than any communist document in existence!

Leo speaks of exercising “her liberty” “in happier times”. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth all civil power was wrested from the

Pope, and he thought of himself as the prisoner in the Vatican. His life would have been in danger from his own townspeople if he should have ventured himself in the city of Rome. In fact, Pius IX who was Pope from 1846 to 1878 was so hated by his own people that he dared not to appear on the streets of Rome, his Secretary of State was assassinated on the streets of Rome, and the infuriated Romans turned their guns on the Quirinal, the residence of the Pope, and he only escaped their wrath by disguising himself as an old woman and fleeing to a foreign country! After his death, "Like Alexander III, the Romans pursued his remains with curses and staves." (Catholic Encyclopedia, I, 287).

His successor, Leo XIII, Pope from 1878 to 1903, was only permitted to look down from the Vatican upon Rome, a city he could do nothing to control, or even visit. His fury was unbounded. The Popes for more than one hundred and fifty years have been fighting a losing battle against a surging tide of freedom as representative, constitutional government. This inundation began with the American Revolution, was immediately followed by the French Revolution. Then in the first of the nineteenth it spilled over into Spain and Italy. This gave rise to the Syllabus of Pius IX and those many rabid, anti-democratic Encyclicals of Leo XIII. Listen to him as he gives vent to his helpless rage:

A striking proof of the lessening and enfeebling of Christian faith is seen in the insults that are, alas! so frequent in our day, and before our very eyes, offered to the Catholic Church—insults, indeed, to which an age cherishing religion would on no account have submitted." (Great Encyclical Letters, 181).

How did the Popes act toward their enemies in that "age cherishing religion"? Let us read:

"Leo VIII fled, while John XII re-entered Rome, and took bloody vengeance on the leaders of the opposite party. Cardinal-Deacon John had his right hand struck off, Bishop Otgar of Speyer, was scourged, a high Palatine official lost nose and ears." (Catholic Encyclopedia, VIII, 427).

"In February, 1231, the Pope (Gregory IX) enacted a law for Rome that heretics condemned by the ecclesiastical court should be delivered to the secular power to receive their 'due punishment.' This 'due punishment' was death by fire for the obstinate and imprisonment for life for the penitent." (Catholic Encyclopedia, VI, 797).

"We grieve, with intense, bitter grief which fills our hearts as a father and a pastor to find that we are compelled to see

beneath our eyes in this Rome, the centre of the Catholic religion, the progress made by heresy, heretodox temples and schools built freely and in a great number, and have to observe the perversion which is the consequence, especially among young people, who are given to anti-Catholic education." (Leo XIII in Life of Leo XIII, 340).

Showing that the American hierarchy feel the same sentiments, I now quote from a very important work which has been circulated in America for nearly a hundred years, and which was written by members of the American hierarchy.

"The possession of Rome by Charles V of Louis XIV did not involve the deluging of the City with immoral and infidel publications, or the permission of the public exhibition of every form of heresy and absurdity. It did not mean that 'Little Bethels' and sectarian chapels and churches were to spring up unchecked or that the streets were to be given over to the grotesque proceedings of a 'Salvation Army'. But all this is implied and cannot but be implied in the possession of Rome by such a state as Italy, which has ceased to be Christian. Truth and error, good and evil, the beautiful and the unseemly, are matters of indifference to such a government; it will countenance the preachers of heresy as willingly as the preachers of truth. With such a state the Roman See cannot possibly live on terms of amity." (Catholic Dictionary, 774).

Having presented so much irrefutable evidence of the claims of godlike powers, as exercised by the 'Pope through hierarchy, it is time to examine their history. They claim today, and for nearly a thousand years past, that the Pope has the power to "violently overthrow" governments. Have they ever attempted to put that into operation? They have done little else! As we see, they claim that the Pope is "over kings and kingdoms", and that civil government is subservient to the Catholic hierarchy, and they speak of the civil government as simply one of the arms, one of the swords, of the Catholic Church!

"Gregory IX had maintained (1232, 1236), in his conflict with the Greeks and Frederick II, that Constantine the Great had given temporal power to the popes, AND THAT EMPERORS AND KINGS WERE ONLY THE AUXILIARIES BOUND TO USE THE MATERIAL SWORD AT HIS DIRECTIONS." (Catholic Encyclopedia, II, 667).

"It is the innate and proper right independently of any human authority to chastise her delinquent subjects with penalties both spiritual and temporal." (Penal Legislation of the New Code of Canon Law, 53). This book was printed about twenty-

five years ago and was written by a member of the American hierarchy.

The Inquisition

“*Definition*—In the language of the Church, the term *Inquisition* is used to designate an investigation made by competent authority in regard to crime, pre-eminently that of heresy. By virtue of a Divine right, resulting from their office, the bishops of the Church are commissioned to bring back to the fold those who have been led astray, to prevent the dissemination of error, and to suppress it, if possible, even by application of punishments determined by the Church. This duty is so sacred that the Roman Congregation of the Inquisition is called the Holy Office.” (History of the Catholic Church by “Brother Gustavus”, 115, 116).

There is not a word in the language that is more calculated to make the student of history ashamed of a great part of the human race, or strike more terror in the hearts of the timid and the fearful than the word *Inquisition*. If you learn that some individual is masquerading under an assumed name, you know he is trying to escape the consequences of his past. That is exactly the situation in the Catholic Church. The Inquisition for centuries trampled ruthlessly upon the sacred rights of human beings and was put down, as far as burning at the stake was concerned, in every country by the rebellion of the people. It could no longer be endured. We must remember that the Inquisition has never been disbanded, but is still, as the foregoing quotations asserts, a very “sacred” thing with the hierarchy! It is simply now going on under an *alias*! Hear this:

“The name Inquisition was suppressed in order to shield this congregation from the hatred inspired by that name.” (Catholic Encyclopedia, XIII, 137).

“The Cross always accompanied, sometimes it even preceded, the banner of earthly conquest. Zeal for the salvation of souls was the very life and soul of every maritime enterprise, and of all expeditions of conquest. THE SWORD SUBJECTED THE BODIES, THE CROSS WON THE HEARTS of all those who successively entered the ever-widening pale of Christian civilization.” (Archbishop Spaldings Miscellanea, 299).

“The Teutonic Knights, uniting themselves to the Order of the Sword founded in 1202, carried on from 1237 a long and cruel war against the natives of East Prussia. These last had been found intractable and ferocious, and their rejection over and over again of the teachings of the missionaries was held to justify proceeding against them by way of a crusade. The war

lasted fifty-three years, and ended in the complete subjugation of Prussia, over which the Teutonic Order then claimed to exercise sovereign rights. Prussians who were willing to become Christians were declared free men and enjoyed all private rights, but those who chose to remain in unbelief were made slaves to the conquerors." (Catholic Dictionary, 591). This is what Leo XIII means when he says that "in happier time she will exercise her liberty"! This is "violently overthrowing governments"!

"The ascendancy of the Catholic Franks over the other barbarian peoples put an end to Arianism. Clovis who was called 'A second Constantine' and, 'The Most Christian King', destroyed the Arian Visigoths in Gaul, and forced the Bergundians to become Catholics." (Short History of the Catholic Church, 75).

As further evidence of the Catholic practice of "violently overthrowing governments" I invite your attention to the following quotations from Catholic Dictionary, 257:

"Others ground the Papal claims in this respect on the received public law of those ages, that emperors and kings had to profess the true faith, and be in communion with the Pope, as essential conditions of their reigning lawfully; if these conditions were broken, of which the Pope was the judge, then, at the demands of the subjects, he could relieve them of their allegiance AND DECLARE THEIR RULER UNFIT TO REIGN."

"The third canon of the Lateran Council (1215) ordains that if a secular ruler persists, after being warned, in letting heresy grow up undisturbed in his dominions, he was to be excommunicated by the bishops of the region subject to him; if he contemn the excommunication the Pope is to be informed, 'so that he may declare the vassals of that ruler absolved from his fealty, AND INVITE CATHOLICS TO OCCUPY THE COUNTRY.'"

"Secular authorities, whatever office they may hold, shall be admonished and induced and if necessary compelled by ecclesiastical censure, that as they wish to be esteemed and numbered among the faithful, so for the defence of the faith they ought publicly to take an oath that they will strive in good faith and to the best of their ability to exterminate in the territories subject to their jurisdiction all heretics pointed out by the Church, so that whenever anyone shall have assumed authority, whether spiritual or temporal, let him be bound to confirm this decree by oath. But if a temporal ruler, after having been requested and admonished by the Church, should

neglect to cleanse his territory of this heretical foulness, let him be excommunicated by the metropolitan and the other bishops of the province. If he refuses to make satisfaction within a year, let the matter be made known to the Supreme Pontiff, that he may declare the ruler's vassals absolved from their allegiance and may offer the territory to be ruled by Catholics, who on the extermination of the heretics may possess it without hindrance and preserve it in the purity of faith; the right, however, of the chief ruler is to be respected so long as he offers no obstacle in this matter and permits freedom of action." (Disciplinary Decrees of the General Councils, by Schroeder, 243.).

"In 1324 Louis was excommunicated because he had not obeyed the papal command to lay down his authority." (Catholic Encyclopedia, VI, 494).

"In the midst of these different tribes the Church had for a long period a checkered career. Some of them, during the Frankish and German empires HAD RECEIVED CHRISTIANITY AT THE POINT OF THE SWORD, and hence repeatedly revolted against the Church, whilst in all of them pagan and barbarous traditions offered powerful and often violent opposition to the spread of the faith." (History of the Church of God, by B. J. Spalding, 405).

"The conversion of the pagan tribes in Northern Europe continued throughout this epoch. In this work the apostolic zeal of the Church was often preceded and invariably accompanied by the ambition of conquest. Tribes became Christian because Germans, Poles, or Swedes, or Danes who had subjugated them LEFT THEM NO ALTERNATIVE BETWEEN BAPTISM AND EXTERMINATION. The Pomeranians, the tribes inhabiting Finland and Lavonia, and the Prussians WERE CONVERTED IN THIS MANNER, and were among the first to become Protestants in the sixteenth century." (History of the Church of God, by B. J. Spalding, 431,432).

"To convert and civilize her subjects she descended to their level and employed means in keeping with their notions and customs." (History of the Church of God, Spalding, 407).

"The idolatrous and barbarous population of the Middle Ages could not have been converted and civilized by mere preaching." (History of the Church of God, Spalding, 383).

Overthrow Governments

In our day the Catholic Church overthrew the government of Spain "violently" less than fifteen years ago. A few weeks ago she overthrew the government of Argentine in the same

way. A few months ago they attempted to overthrow the government of Belgium, but was unsuccessful.

You may think that they never attempted to overthrow any but Catholic governments, but just remember that all the governments of Europe were overthrown and made Catholic! In fact, they boast that the Catholic Church is the only Church that has converted whole nations. Well, other churches might do that if they used the same means as the Catholics and Mohammedans! But the gentle religion of Jesus of Nazareth cannot be propagated by force. The truth is that the Catholic Church has attempted to overthrow just as many non-Catholic nations as Catholics. Since she claims authority over "every human creature" she would make no distinction. Just a few years ago, the Pope and Mussolini overthrew the government of Ethiopia "violently"! It, you remember, was a Protestant country. We are now ready for a very interesting case—that of Elizabeth I of England. Elizabeth's father, Henry VIII, before she was born, made England a Protestant country. Elizabeth had never been anything but a Protestant. Yet three Popes in succession, "St." Pius V, (who conspired to massacre the Protestants on St. Bartholomew's Day,) Gregory XIII and Sixtus V, excommunicated Elizabeth, absolved the English people of their oath of allegiance to Elizabeth, then, made arrangements with Philip II of Spain, a Catholic monarch, to build the "Invincible Armada", the world's greatest navy at that time, in an attempt to invade England and overthrow Elizabeth. You can remember that "St." Pius V, was the Pope of whom the Catholic Encyclopedia said: "To reestablish political peace and religious unity by the royal sword was the inexorable dream of Pius V" (Cath. Ency., XIII, 336).

Up to this time Spain had been the most powerful country, and was made powerful largely by robbing the rich Indians in America. As the "Invincible Armada" approached England a storm arose and sent most of the ships to the bottom. A few Spaniards straggled back to Spain, but from that day to this, Spain has not been a great power, and from that moment until very recent years England has been the world's most powerful nation and the bulwark of Protestantism! Thanks to the Almighty God! If Spain and the Pope had succeeded in overthrowing England, the colonies along the Atlantic seaboard would have been Catholic and you and I would now be living in a Catholic world! That was one of the decisive moments of history.

No one can any longer claim that the Catholic Pope and his

hierarchy do not advocate the "violent overthrow of government".

Catholicism Or Americanism

About a year and a half ago during the notorious McCarthy hearing I sent three identical telegrams to Ray Jenkins, Council for the Committee, one to Joseph Welch, Council for the Army, and one to John McClellan, dissident member of the Committee, and Senator from Arkansas. The telegrams were delivered about ten A. M., while the Hearing was in session. I was sorry that I did not have television to see their faces when the telegrams were delivered. Here is the text:

"I have authentic documents (not carbon copies) concerning an institution in the United States that advocates the violent overthrow of government. They do not plead the Fifth Amendment, for they do not even believe in the Constitution. The head of that institution said: 'From what has been said it is quite unlawful to demand, to defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing or of worship, as if these were so many rights given by nature to man.'

I am not charging that Senator McCarthy's brother attended a meeting of that group at some time, but I am charging that the Senator is a member of it.

They are raising huge sums of money for McCarthy. As a citizen, I ask that he be put on the stand and made to account for that money."

To my surprise I got a telegram from McClellan a few minutes later, reading:

"If you will send me those documents I will try to see that proper use is made of them" Signed, John McClellan. Knowing he had no idea what I was talking about I sent another telegram: "The institution I am talking about is the Roman Catholic Church. The documents are official Catholic books, issued in the United States, in the English language, in our generation. I will be glad to send books and pay transportation both ways. Instruct me further." As yet I have received no reply. Politicians are scared to death and crawling before the Catholic Church. The first consideration of a politician is to get elected and the second greatest concern is to get re-elected! Most of our public servants are politicians and not statesmen.

Catholic Infiltration

There is much talk today about the Communists infiltrating our government, when the fact is, the frightening fact, that the Catholic Church has infiltrated every department of our govern-

ment, executive, legislative, and judicial. There is in every department of our government a person at the right place at the right time to do the right thing for the Catholic Church. You may have wondered why, as our brethren have been persecuted in Italy, that our State Department did not immediately demand that the billions of our dollars flowing into Italy stop until our nationals were allowed the freedom in Italy that Catholics enjoy here. Why did the State Department in referring to the matter characterize it as a "misunderstanding between the Church of Christ and the Police of Italy"? Why did they not tell the truth and charge the government of Italy with breaking their solemn treaty with the United States which guarantees religious freedom to all? Why did they have to be prodded by thousands from all Protestant bodies before they finally gave a feeble and belated protest? The truth is, and I am sure it was not accidental, that Clara Booth Luce, a Roman Catholic, had been appointed Ambassador to Italy. It might help also to know that John Foster Dulles has a son who is a Catholic priest! The Communists number less than twenty-five thousand in the United States, but the Catholics claim more than thirty-one million, therefore I am convinced that the Catholic Church is more than a hundred times as great a menace as Communists!

Not only is government dominated by Catholics in this country, but they are taking over everything: the hospitals, the chaplaincy of the armed services, newspapers, radio, television, schools and business. But the methods and means that are being employed to take over America will have to be a subject of another lesson.

The language of Catholic writers is interesting. A number of the quotations given have spoken of "exterminating" Protestants. Protestant people speak sometimes of "exterminating" bed-bugs and rats!

I want to emphasize again that nearly all these statements which I have read are by members of the American hierarchy, and the books were printed here in America. With this fact we will be saved from the blunder of imagining that the Catholic Church in America is different from the Catholic in Italy, Spain or Columbia, or South America. They have the same Pope, the same hierarchy, the same Canon Law, and as we have seen the same un-American beliefs. But there are some statements made by members of the American hierarchy, in commentaries on the New Code of Canon Law, which went into effect in

1918, which will probably come even closer home than any yet given.

Catholic Bishops Have Charge Of All

“In regularly organized dioceses and parishes **THE BISHOPS AND PASTORS HAVE CHARGE OF ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY NOT EXCEPTING NON CATHOLICS.**” (Administrative Legislation in the New Code of Canon Law, 231).

Are you willing to agree to this? Is this the language of good Americans? But American people are slow to believe anything bad, and try to interpret everything in a way to be favorable to the Catholic Church. Many may say, “You are probably forcing this language.” “This may be accidental language.” If the preachers of the Church of Christ were to begin to use that language with reference to all other people, they would be sure it was not accidental. In order that we may know what this means let us have another statement from the same author:

“Although the Church having authority over all baptized persons, **MIGHT COMPEL HERETICS, SCHISMATICS AND APOSTATES TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, ORDINARILY SHE DOES NOT EXERCISE THAT RIGHT,** and when both parents are non-Catholics she applies to their children the rule as those of infidels.” (Legislation on the Sacraments in the New Code of Canon Law, 29).

While the Catholic hierarchy talks glibly about Our Way of Life, and they like to wave the American flag, the frightening truth remains that the hierarchy of Rome is the gravest threat to America and everything we hold dear. Her falsification of history, (admitted falsification,) her doctrine of Mental Reservation, which is a license to lie to promote their diabolical system, marks them as the wolves in sheeps clothing which Our Lord warned us against!

Falsify History

Leo XIII, in *Life of Leo XIII*, 406, 407 falsifies history about the Magna Charta, pretending that it is a Catholic document:

“Every one of the newly erected dioceses became a centre of an extraordinary religious activity, and it was soon discovered even by the bitter opponents of Catholicism that the revival and the progress of the ancient faith of Alfred and Edward the Confessor, of St. Bede and St. Dunstan, boded nothing but good to the constitution which was the growth of the old Catholic ages, or to that spirit of manly liberty which had written the

Magna Charta with a Catholic pen, or to the progress of science and civilization of which Roger Bacon had been the prophet and Cardinal Wiseman was then the exponent."

Pope Leo failed to make plain that while the barons who wrung the Magna Charta from old King John were Catholics, that the Pope at the time was on King John's side, and excommunicated the barons and condemned the Magna Charta! But Mental Reservation allows them to lie about it. Mental Reservation allows them to falsify history at will to prevent the present generation from knowing the real truth about Catholicism.

Catholic Justice—Guilty Till Proved Innocent

I feel that this lesson would not be complete without throwing the spotlight on *Catholic Justice* as exhibited in that frightful Catholic court known as the Inquisition. This will give us a clear picture of what will happen to Americanism if the Catholic Church takes over our country. It will also show clearly why the wise founders of our country placed those wonderful provisions in our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. Catholic tyranny was burned so indelibly into their minds that they were endeavoring to fence the Catholic Church and the Inquisition out. Here are some basic American principles. When a person is accused he always has the right to face his accusers; he has the right to call all the witnesses he wishes; the accused stands innocent before the law until he is proven guilty; an accused person always has a right to legal council; he cannot be compelled to testify against himself; all accused persons have the right of *Habeas Corpus*; all accused persons have a right to a trial by jury; laws are made by the representatives of the people; the people can recall all public servants at the ballot box.

Let us now compare the Catholic arrangement. The person who decided whether an accused was innocent or guilty was an "inquisitor" appointed by the Pope—a bishop, an archbishop or a cardinal; the accused was never allowed to know who his accusers were; he was denied witnesses because any person who was willing to testify in favor of one accused of heresy was declared to be a heretic himself, and his status was changed automatically from that of a witness to a defendant accused of heresy; anyone who attempted to defend a heretic was judged to also be a heretic; if an accused person denied his guilt, this incriminated him; an accused person could be put in prison permanently without a trial and thousands were; when a person

was judged to be a heretic his property was confiscated and at least a part of it put into the church treasury, so the wife and children of a condemned "heretic" could not inherit his property; witnesses were often tortured to secure the testimony wanted by the Inquisitor; the punishment for those who were judged to be heretics was "burning at the stake for the obstinate and imprisonment for life for the penitent". For eight hundred years this diabolical court burned millions at the stake, and instead of disowning this, present-day ecclesiastics speak of it as the most lenient court ever devised, and insist that this was not cruel. Catholic writers tell us that the Inquisitors were tender hearted and that many of them are enrolled among the "saints"! Burning at the stake was only suspended when the people of Europe rebelled in every country when its terrors could be endured no longer. It should not be forgotten that the Inquisition is now masquerading under an alias as "The Holy Office", to keep the people from knowing that it is still one of the most cherished parts of the satanic system known as Catholicism. Do we want this in America?

CATHOLICISM AGAINST ITSELF

BY O. C. LAMBERT

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