

Ecclesiam a Jesu

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Bolla

Il Vescovo Pio, servo dei servi di Dio. A perpetua memoria.

1. The Church founded by Jesus Christ Our Savior on our firm stone (and against Christ Christ promised that the gates of hell would never have prevailed) has been assailed so often and by so many fearsome enemies that if that Divine Promise which can not fail, it would be feared that it might succumb to power or vices or cunning. Indeed, what happened at other times is repeated, and above all, in this age-old age that seems to be the last time preached in the past by the Apostle: "The deceivers will come who, according to their desires, will walk in the way of mercy" (Gd 18). For no one is ignorant of the many evildoers, in these difficult times, who have coalesced against the Lord and against Christ His Son; they, above all, attempt to overwhelm and subvert the same Church, deceiving the faithful (Col 2: 8) with a vain and fallacious philosophy and subverting them to the doctrine of the Church. To reach this goal more easily, many of them organized occult conventions and seven clandestine with whom they hoped in the future to more easily drag many individuals to be complicit in their conspiracy and iniquity.

2. For a long time this Holy See, having discovered these seven, launched the alarm against them with high and free speech and revealed their plots against Religion and against the same civil society. He has long been vigilant for the watch of all, so that they may look at them so that these seven should not implement their evil purpose. It is, however, regrettable that the commitment of this Apostolic See did not correspond to the outcome to which it was intended and that those wicked men did not abandon the conspiracy undertaken, so that the evils which we ourselves had foreseen were derived from them. Indeed, those men, whose accent always increases, have even dared to create new secret societies.

3. At this point it is necessary to recall a newly born company spread over and over to Italy and other regions: although divided into numerous sects and sometimes it takes different and distinct denominations, due to the their variety, yet it is only one in the commonality of doctrines and crimes and the covenant that was established; it is usually called Carbonari. They simulate a singular respect and some extraordinary zeal to the Catholic Religion and to the person and the teaching of Jesus Christ our Savior, who sometimes dare to sacrilege to call Rector and great Master of their society. But these speeches, which seem softened with oil, are nothing more than darts made more secure by smart men, to hurt the less cautious; those men come in lambs, but in the intimate they are rapeseed wolves.

4. Even if there were no other arguments, the following convince enough that no credit should be given to their words, namely: the severely oath that, by imitating largely the ancient Priscillians, promises never to reveal and in any case, those

who are not enrolled in society, anything that concerns the same society, nor to communicate to those who are in the lower grades anything that concerns the higher grades; in addition, the secret and illegal meetings they convene following the custom of many heretics and the cooptation of men of every religion and of every sect in their society.

5. There is therefore no need for guesswork and arguments to judge their affirmations, as stated above. The books published by them (describing the method to be followed in upper class meetings), their catechisms, statutes and other serious, authentic documents inspired by trust, and the testimonies of those who, having abandoned the company they used to belong to revealed to the legitimate judges mistakes and fraud openly demonstrate that the Carbonari are above all to give full license to anyone to invent a religion to be professed by their own wits and opinions, thus introducing to Religion that indifference of which you can hardly imagine something more pernicious. In defrauding and contaminating the passion of Jesus Christ with their certain insecure ceremonies; despising the Sacraments of the Church (to which they seem to replace other new ones invented by them with supreme empathy) and the same Mysteries of Catholic Religion; in subverting this Apostolic See (which has always been the primacy of the Apostolic Chair) (St. Augustine, Ep. 43) is animated by a particular hatred and meditates on pernicious and pernicious intentions.

6. No less wicked (as is apparent from the same documents) are the norms of behavior that the Carbonari Society teaches, although it unknowingly arises from its followers who cultivate and practice

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- Tone changes to one of the RCC being under attack, quoting the gospel (Gd18) and Col 2:18. Implies FM as a conspiracy to attack the church. Much more aggressive text, overtones of persecution.
- Pulls a mea culpa that the Holy See tried but didn't have the desired outcome to squash this threat.
- Introduces the Carbonari as an offspring of FM and as being like FM. We all get lumped together.
- Accuses Carbonari as having an outward Catholic zeal and being Christian (in the RCC sense) but are secretly plotting against the RCC
- Again, the problem of accepting men of all religions
- The RCC seems to be in passion of Carbonari internal literature
- Assert that Carbonari are giving "anyone full license to invent a religion" thus usurping and undermining the absolute authority of the RCC

Notes from QC Book

- Carbonari was really a cover for political activities

