

THOUSANDS SHOW SUPPORT FOR PIUS XII

On Sunday, March 2 the Catholic League celebrated the 69th anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Pius XII by submitting a petition for the late pontiff's beatification.

The league along with the Society of Catholic Social Scientists amassed a *Petition to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for the Beatification of Pope Pius XII*, which garnered over 15,000 signatures in three months. The petition reads:

With profound respect and sincere devotion, We, the undersigned, humbly request that the cause for the beatification of Pope Pius XII proceed without delay. Pius XII's virtuous life speaks for itself and is supported by an abundance of incontestable documentary evidence. The truth regarding his service to the Church and the World, as a diplomat and during his pontificate, prior to and through the World War II period, is also historically established. He has been the victim of an unjust smear campaign for fifty years. Now, however, overwhelming evidence has been amassed that proves beyond doubt that he labored without pause for peace, that he sought to assist in every way possible the victims of war, especially Jews, hundreds of thousands of whom were spared through his efforts, and that he constantly warned the world of the horrors of Nazism and Communism. We urge that you honor this holy and brave Pontiff at the soonest possible date.

It is our hope that His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI heeds our request and beatifies Pius XII.