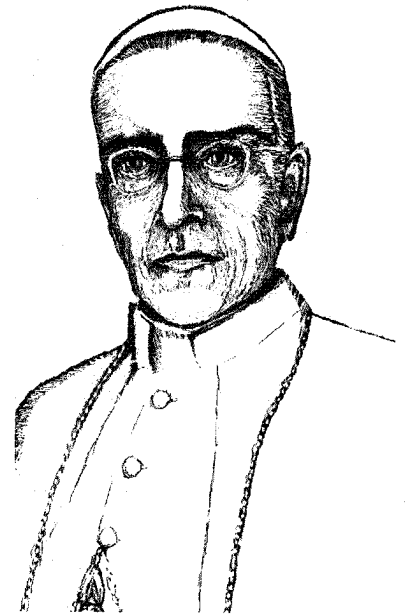


WAS THE CHURCH SILENT DURING THE HOLOCAUST?



Here's what the New York Times said about the subject at the time.

EDITORIAL OF DECEMBER 25, 1941:

“The voice of Pius XII is a lonely voice in the silence and darkness enveloping Europe this Christmas...In calling for a ‘real new order’ based on ‘liberty, justice and love,’ to be attained only by a ‘return to social and international principles capable of creating a barrier against the abuse of liberty and the abuse of power,’ the Pope put himself squarely against Hitlerism. Recognizing that there is no road open to agreement between belligerents ‘whose reciprocal war aims and programs seem to be irreconcilable,’ he left no doubt that the Nazi aims are also irreconcilable with his own conception of a Christian peace.”

EDITORIAL OF DECEMBER 25, 1942:

“No Christmas sermon reaches a larger congregation than the message Pope Pius XII addresses to a war-torn world at this season. This Christmas more than ever he is a lonely voice crying out of the silence of a continent. The Pulpit whence he speaks is more than ever like the Rock on which the Church was founded, a tiny island lashed and surrounded by a sea of war.”

Everyone knows that more could have been done, much more, to stop the Holocaust. It is the hope of the Catholic League, however, that those who are currently writing on the subject will recognize those leaders who did speak out, such as Pius XII, as witnessed by the New York Times itself.



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