

# CATHOLIC PRIEST EXPOSES CHURCH TYRANTS AND ALLEGED VILLAINIES

## Address to Pope Benedict Contains Statements That Ought to Bring Thorough Investigation by the American Authorities

Rev. Joseph Schell, Catholic priest, is telling the world what is the matter with the Roman Catholic church. He is the author of an address to the Pope, in which he tells things that ought to make every self-respecting Roman Catholic rise in wrath and demand the immediate reformation of the church. If half that he tells is true, and there seems no reason to doubt his statements, the Roman Catholic church ought to undergo at once a thorough investigation by federal, state and county authorities throughout America.

Believing that Father Schell is telling the truth, and that public welfare demands that the widest possible publicity be given to his expose, The Western American will publish serially, beginning with this number, his address, entitled "Ecclesiasticism and Christianity."

Father Schell is well known to thousands of Oregonians, who will read his statement with intense interest. The quotations which follow are verbatim.

To the Holy Father, the Pope, Benedict XV—Your Holiness: For many years, I have called on the Apostolic Delegation at Washington, D. C., and on Rome, for a hearing, for justice and redress; but all in vain. Human endurance has limits; and thus, in my extremity and in my hour of need, I am addressing this appeal to You, openly and directly. I am sorry that I have to take this public measure through the press and the public, and consequently, to bring forth facts and evidence that will convince the public as well. There seems to be no other way for truth to succeed in the Church. I will show with evidence that there exists a selfish Church-System within the Church, and that this unchristian system has ruined me and my life. Unfortunately, this is not my case alone, but thousands of other priests are suffering by being denied a hearing, justice and redress.

With sincerest respect and gratitude, I am, most respectfully yours in Xto,  
JOSEPH SCHELL.

### CHAPTER I

Divine Providence is Guiding, Advising and Protecting Mankind Against Absolutism and Pious Duplicity.

After many long ages, and under the guidance of Divine Providence or

the laws of Nature, mankind has reached the stage of moral responsibility. Christ came and, by word and deed, proclaimed His divine doctrine (Christianity) which thenceforth was to guide the human race in its moral progress and spiritual perfection. The key-note of Christianity is: Truth, Justice and Mercy; and these three give to mankind Christian liberty, relative peace and happiness; while duplicity, injustice and pious intrigues are holding mankind in bondage to selfish and unchristian absolutism.

Christ organized His Church for the propagation of Christianity. He selected and defined the ministry of His Church to be the servant of the followers of God (servi servorum Dei). Judas, the betrayer, the founder of Pious Ecclesiasticism of the New Testament, and of the corrupt and selfish Union of State and Church as it exists even to this day, saw selfish profit by secretly conspiring with the pharisees and the rulers of the State who wanted the ruin of Christ, for having unmasked their pious hypocrisy before the public. Christ proclaimed Truth, Justice and Mercy, and opposed duplicity and pious malice. He says: "For this reason I came into this world, to give testimony of the Truth."

Like Judas, Pious Ecclesiasticism is exploiting Christianity and humanity, always under some kind of pious camouflage or pretense, and is prostituting its power to betray the principles and practices of Christianity for gold, privilege and fame. Thus we see today, church dignitaries practicing pious ecclesiasticism and, like Judas, conspiring secretly with corrupt officials of the State, in acts involving some pious camouflage or pretense. The selfish use of the Union of State and Church in the past against humanity and Christianity, has so scandalized and disgusted the whole world, that the nations are afraid of it. Like mixed marriages, the Union of State and Church, as history testifies, ruins the Faith, the Church and Nations.

Christ warned Judas, who then "piously" asked: "Master, is it I?" His denunciation (the light of truth) caused no scandal, but purified and freed the Church of all suspicion and responsibility of the crime; and warned others from following Judas. Christ exhorted His Apostles to be true and faithful, and to avoid worldly gold and fame, saying: "My Kingdom

is not of this world." Yet, Judas has many followers in the Church, who are cunningly and piously perverting the church-government of principle,

come synonyms of Roman duplicity and Pious intrigues. Time does not change the followers of Judas. They want gold and fame,



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into a selfish government of men, for selfish profit and aggrandizement, under the pious camouflage of "Roman customs or of doing more good." Such a system identifies the selfishness of men, with the nobler purpose of Christianity, and finally brings disgrace and hatred upon the Church and Religion.

The declaration of corrective truth in public to Christian only, when outraged justice demands it, to correct serious abuses against Humanity and Christianity. As I had been ignorant of the pious misdeeds of Ecclesiasticism before I had met them in active life, it was painful news to me; and this will be painful news to many readers, the same as it was painful news to the Apostles to hear that one of them was a traitor. For more than 20 years I have called on the Apostolic Delegation and on Rome for a hearing, justice and redress. Not only was I ignored, but a cruel persecution was directed against me; and only in my extremity and after many years have I decided to bring some of the many and pious misdeeds of Ecclesiasticism against humanity and Christianity before the public bar of justice.

The public should not turn against the Catholic Faith and the Church because of pious ecclesiasticism. The Catholic religion and the faithful ministry are the best friends of democracy and humanity; while pious ecclesiasticism (selfish ministry) betrays, distorts and ignores the principles and practices of religion, for selfish profit and aggrandizement, exactly as Judas did. Ecclesiasticism, from a certain exclusive inner circle in Rome, to the outermost rotten ring of pious intrigue, corruption and dissimulation, has caused the Reformation the great moral revolution of many nations, the horrors of the Inquisition and of the French revolution, the condemnation and the burning of Joan of Arc, and many other revolting abominations, tortures and miseries to humanity and scandals to Christianity. Perhaps it was worth these abominations, to have it forever decided that unchristian ecclesiasticism cannot dictate its dogma of double morality to the world. Through the many abuses of the Christian standard, the very words "Roman and Catholic" have be-

and ruin those who oppose or expose their pious duplicity, especially if it is a priest who, by ordination, is supposedly bound to this system that is frightful to him; responsible for it, but powerless in it. These worshippers of gold and fame resent the sting of the priest's truth, and conspire to crush and ruin him; they influence public opinion against him and discredit his work; they do not fight him in the open with decent weapons, but stab him in the back; they slander his character and habits, and publish him as crazy and incompatible with authority.

The many bloody revolutions of the past, and this last world war, prove that the nations are willing to pay the highest price for Christian freedom and civilization, as against despotism and pious absolutism. The world has officially excluded ecclesiasticism from all affairs of the State, because of having found its pious and actual intrigues for absolutism against common right, a source of corruption and revolution against constituted, representative and just authority. Divine Providence has endowed mankind with an irresistible instinct of revolt against selfish leaders, who practice a double standard of morality. Christ Himself has denounced such false and faithless leaders, and has told His followers to hate their iniquity. Religion was not given to subjugate nations to absolutism and despotism, but to free them from unchristian domination and exploitation. Ecclesiasticism is cunningly using the Pope as its own ornamental head, and Christ's religion as its own ornamental dogma; and thus, the Pope, the Church, and Religion, are receiving the blame for the misdeeds of ecclesiasticism. Unlike Christ, selfish ecclesiasticism is always ready to help God and the devil for a selfish consideration, if it can be done secretly, or under some pious pretense without public scandal. The world despises ecclesiasticism, not for what it professes, but for what it practices. I have made some sweeping statements, but existing facts will prove all of them, and more.

This work is not intended to injure the Catholic Faith or the Church; nor the worthy Bishops and leaders in the

Church who, by their consecration, are apparently bound to this selfish system that is frightful to them; responsible for it, but powerless in it. My purpose is to show some of the followers of Judas and their practices, as opposed to the fundamental principles of humanity and Christianity. By their fruit we shall know them. (To Be Continued Next Week)

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