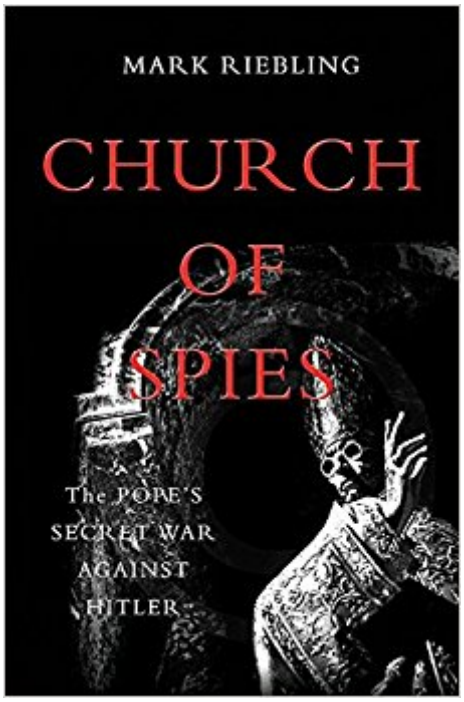
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# Church Of Spies: The Pope’s Secret War Against Hitler




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## Synopsis

Vatican silence on Nazi crimes is fiercely debated. History has accused wartime pontiff Pius the Twelfth of complicity in the Holocaust and dubbed him "Hitler's Pope." But a key part of the story has remained untold.Pius ran the world's largest church, smallest state, and oldest spy service. Saintly but secretive, he skimmed from church charities to pay covert couriers, and surreptitiously tape-recorded his meetings with top Nazis. When he learned of the Holocaust, Pius played his cards close to his chest. He sent birthday cards to Hitler--while plotting to overthrow him.Church of Spies documents this cross-and-dagger intrigue in shocking detail. Gun-toting Jesuits stole blueprints to Hitler's homes. A Catholic book publisher flew a sports plane over the Alps with secrets filched from the head of Hitler's bodyguard. The keeper of the Vatican crypt ran a spy ring that betrayed German war plans and wounded Hitler in a briefcase bombing.The plotters made history in ways they hardly expected. They inspired European unification, forged a U.S.-Vatican alliance that spanned the Cold War, and challenged Church teachings on Jews. Yet Pius' secret war muted his public response to Nazi crimes. Fearing that overt protest would impede his covert actions, he never spoke the "fiery words" he wanted.Told with heart-pounding suspense, based on secret transcripts and unsealed files, Church of Spies throws open the Vatican's doors to reveal some of the most astonishing events in the history of the papacy.Ã Â "[E]xciting.... deals fairly with the pope's theological and political rationale.... thoroughly documented with primary sources... Church of Spies is the best account of the subject to date. Amen!" - CIA Studies in Intelligence (Unclassified Edition)

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We live in a particularly rich time of new awareness of WorldWar II history [and] Mark Riebling, well connected intelligence expert... offers a stellar new contribution. Pius's noble motives for his now revealed actions alone make this book of signal interest, yet there is so much more to Riebling's work. Riebling discusses not only the espionage communication trade craft involved, which is superb, butalso the moral dilemmas faced by the conspirators." Francis Phillips,Ã Â Mercator.net"... a first-class spy thriller, dealing not with fiction but with historical facts.... Even though one reads this book with retrospective knowledge of the outcome... such is Riebling's skill as a story-teller that he keeps up thesuspense until the end." Mysteries and More "A grand spy thriller that happens to be a work of non-fiction." George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center"This gripping book, the product of extensive and fine-grained historical research, should change the course of the 'Pius Wars,' if both critics and defenders of Pius XII take its evidence seriously."Michael Burleigh, author of The Third Reich: A New History"In this exciting and original work, Mark Riebling has unearthed vital new sources, and he writes elegantly and persuasively on a fascinating subject that has remained hidden in history's shadows."Rabbi David Dalin"In Church of Spies, Mark Riebling provides a groundbreaking and riveting account of Pope Pius XII's secret war against Hitler. This richly documented book makes an important contribution to contemporary scholarship about Pius XII and to our understanding of the historical legacy of his pontificate."Ronald J. Rychlak, author of Hitler, the War, and the Pope"Church of Spies is an incredible book. It is authentic, documented history that reads like a great action novel. Bonhoeffer, Stauffenberg, the pope, and others plotted to kill Hitler and end the war. Riebling takes us inside their meetings (sometimes held among excavations under Vatican City) and meetings of Hitler and his top advisors. The story that emerges is at times terrifying, tragic, and yet ultimately heroic. This is a book not to be missed."Col. Rose Mary Sheldon, Burgwyn Chair in Military History, Virginia Military Institute"Mark Riebling has set himself a high bar in turning conventional wisdom on its head. He has taken on one of the most controversial and polarizing issues in the history of World War II: the role of the wartime Vatican in fighting the Nazis. By combining new archival material with a lively and convincing narrative he has created a new account of a secret war previously overlooked. This is a highly original contribution to intelligence history."Prof. Vincent A. Lapomarda, author of The Jesuits and the Third Reich"Church of Spies captured my attention. It is a remarkable piece of research. It fills out much of the story that was known mainly in skeletal form. It makes the past come alive."DealÃ Â Wyatt Hudson,Ã Â Church and Culture"This is must reading for all Catholics, period, exclamation point."Al Kresta, Ave Maria Radio"You'll meet characters in this book that will just fill you with pride about Christian resistance to Hitler. Ã Â I've shared

this with a number of friends already, and everybody who's read this book raves about it. ...Ã Â It's a very moving book."DavidÃ Â W.Ã Â Brown, author ofÃ Â Deep State"I fully expected to loveÃ Â Church of SpiesÃ Â by Mark Riebling, and did. The pope's secret efforts to assassinate Adolf Hitler? It's hard to go wrongÃ Â withÃ Â a subject like that, but I was astonished how gripping the whole thing was and in awe of how much excruciating work must have gone into researching the subject. ... That the book even exists seems like an accomplishment. That's it is excellent seems like more than we deserve."Peter Earnest, Director, International Spy Musem"A very, very richly researched book. Ã Â It will have an impact. ... It's really very impressive."Giles MacDonogh, author ofÃ Â After the Reich"An excellent, racy account of the Catholic Church's role in the resistance to Hitler and a useful corrective to some of the wilder accusations levelled at Pius XII. ... With lots of colour and scene-setting... it is a ripping good read." ChroniclesÃ¢â ¬Å“Church of Spies is a fascinating study of how the Vatican has workedÃ¢â ¬â •in this case mostly for goodÃ¢â ¬â •in crisis and in secret.Ã¢â ¬Â•Catholic Historical ReviewsÃ¢â ¬Å“[A] tremendous and most credible examination of a huge range of secondary sources. The strength of [RieblingÃ¢â ¬â„¢s] journalistic skills is that he is able to evoke a most vivid picture of both the personalities and the places involved in this dramatic story down to even the details of the furniture of the popeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s study.Ã¢â ¬Â•

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As someone interested in what really happened behind the scenes in World War 2, I found this book riveting and hard to put down. Using records from GermanyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Institute fÃƒÂ r Zeitgeschichte and from the Vatican Secret Archives, Church of Spies casts light on WWII covert operations and spycraft that remained in the shadows for 75 years. Perhaps most-earth shattering and historically game-changing is the proof that a modern Pope, running a vast intelligence network inside Germany, green-lighted HitlerÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s assassination, something neither FDR or Churchill, so far as we know, risked their reputations to do."Church of Spies" will inspire many Catholics. It brings to life the heroic priests and ordinary faithful who did not sit on their hands, and who shed their own blood in the PopeÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s high-stakes espionage to stop the Third Reich.This book will also interest students of the Holocaust. It provides new context for evaluating Pope Pius XII, who opted for quiet clandestine operations instead of loud public speeches. Although not uncritical of Pius ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ Riebling writes that "he should have spoken out" ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ the book shows the German resistance itself begged the Pope not to do or say

anything publicly that would cause retribution against Catholics in Germany who were concurrently planning assassinations and coups against the Third Reich.Written with the attention to detail that one finds in Rick Atkinson's Pulitzer Prize winning World War II books, Church of Spies reads like a thriller. But the nearly 100 pages of source citations remind us that what happened here is true. And savoring that truth makes reading ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Church of SpiesÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• all the more compelling.

This book was written like a spy novel, but was about actual historical events. I could not put the book down. On September 1st I attending a pre-screening of the National Geographic documentary "The Pope vs Hitler" which as based on the book. That evening there was also a panel discussion with the author, director of the TV documentary and two others. We discovered that it took Mark Riebling 18 years to write this book. The research he put into this reflects this; it is excellent. This is the best book I read so far this year. I cannot praise this book too much. I hope this book helps to clear Pius X11's false reputation.

Mark Riebling's book titled CHURCH OF SPIES should be "the final nail in the coffin" that somehow Pope Pius XII was somehow "Hitler's Pope." Riebling presented a well researched account of how Pope Pius XII, Jesuits, Dominicans, and German Catholics plotted to overthrow Hitler. The plotters often met in Vatican basement to carefully plot Hitler's demise and hopefully shorten the worst war in history. The book presents carefully contrived plans to oust Hitler. While these plans failed, Riebling gave a precise account of the risks involved and the rare courage of those involved some of whom lost their lives.As early as October 20, 1940 Vatican officials and German Catholics plus Jesuits and Dominicans plotted to assassinate Hitler. In a conversation between Pope Pius XII, Cardinal Faulhaber, Cardinal Innitzer, and Cardinal Schulte discussed if the morality of clandestine operations. They reasoned that if St. Paul used a clandestine ploy to escape incarceration, the morality of such clandestine was justified if only because great saints used such methods.Hitler was vaguely aware of the above mentioned plots. Hitler & co. HATED Catholics and Catholicism. In fact, German leaders claimed that Polish Catholic clergy were much more dangerous than Polish Marxists/Communists. As "the plot thickened," Pius XII was drawn into the plot. Obviously, Pope Pius had not love for Big Communism, he was more concerned about Hitler's Germany since Germany was closer and more dangerous to Catholics and Vatican officials. Hitler did not think middle class people and even Marxists were idealistic enough to try to assassinate Hitler, but Catholic idealism would inspire Catholics to take the risk whatever the cost. Hitler said he feared

"Black Crows" (Catholic priests) in the confessional more that Marxists or anyone else.Those who were involved in plots against Hitler were often "a cast of characters." For example Joey Ox had a sense of humor and extracted information in drinking contests. As an aside, the Russians usually won these contests. Another "character" was Sister Pia who supposedly had risque reputation. Many supposedly disciplined German dignitaries who plotted against Hitler had amusing humorous secret lives which made for humorous reading."Do gooders" wanted to condemn Pius XII for being a spy and use of violence to get rid of Hitler. Such apprehensively do-gooders should study history to know full well that Catholic dignitaries often worked to mitigate tyrants or get rid of them. This is made very clear on page 62. Pius XII's distinction is that he was more involved than his predecessors in "cloak and dagger" operations. Pius XII was advised to restrain any PUBLIC denunciation of Hitler & co. because such public statements would lead to more intense persecution of Catholics and Jews in German controlled Europe. Such a ploy helped Pius XII and plotters avoid closer scrutiny which was already in place. One good reason offered by St. Thomas Aquinas, Jesuits, and other Catholics about ousting tyrants is that such tyrants could impose tyranny and force people to commit acts that were contrary to civilized behavior. Hitler could sometimes have "the luck of the devil" when he left a meeting half an hour earlier than he was supposed and escaped a bomb blast.As readers may note, the above mentioned plots were complex and open to exposure. Because German authorities were aware of Catholic resistance, a new program was started called "The Black Network" so named because of Catholic clergy's' attire. As some Catholic clergy plotted against Hitler & co., the German SS now had plots to get rid of Catholic clergy. In fact, German agents had a plot to invade the Vatican, kidnap or assassinate Pius XII, and move the Papacy to Lichtenstein. Pius XII was well aware of the plot, but he was NOT the least bit intimidated. To further antagonize the German SS and Hitler, Pius XII's efforts extended to saving refugees including Jewish people which many Jewish people acknowledged during Pius XII's lifetime and during Pius XII's Requiem Mass in October, 1958. Pius XII knew that after early German victories and Mussolini's alliance with Hitler, the Vatican was left in a "sea of Fascism." Yet, Pius and Catholic leaders remained undaunted. Even some German Catholics showed resistance. For example, when German authorities tried to close a Catholic school in Germany, German wives and mothers literally attacked the German in charge and forced him to reopen the school. Such actions were a bad omen for anti-Catholic Germans.While Catholics and the Vatican were in a sea of Fascism, Catholics were very clever. Catholic priests and nuns posed as serious lovers to avoid suspicion. While such actions were against Jesuit rules and the rules of other Catholic religious orders, a "higher calling" prevailed. Riebling carefully noted Pius XII's occasional despair. When

Pius XII read about German plans to increase persecution, he was saddened and prayed in despair. Some German mothers were forced to watch their children being beheaded. White Rose peaceful resistance was exposed, and these pacifists were decapitated. Yet, as Riebling noted Pius XII still showed more sense than "allied" political leaders when Pius XII voiced opposition to Casablanca Conference's demand for "unconditional surrender" which Pius XII knew would only add to the suffering after WW II ended.While Hitler & co. lost WW II, Hitler was lucky. As noted above, Hitler a previous plot. In 1944, Hitler survived another plot even though he was wounded. The plotters paid dearly for the failed plot. Among those who were victims of torture and death were obviously Catholic priests including Jesuits who were the most hated by the German SS. Yet some of the plotters survived either by rare courage and/or clever efforts to avoid detection.One hero was Joey Ox "...won his life because he was ready to lose it.Mark Riebling's book CHURCH OF SPIES reads like "a thriller." While the book is carefully researched and scholarly, the book is NEVER boring. The intricacies and complex events are made clear, and Riebling did a good job in explaining the "cross currents" of events, plots, and counter plots. The false phrase of "Hitler's Pope" is left "dead and buried" via this well written book which is never boring.James E. EgolfNovember 29, 2015

There are not many books on why the Pope did not speak out about the Nazis and Hitler during the second world war. This book is a good report on why that was and more important what the Pope and Catholics actually were doing during these years. We are reminded of how terrible the Nazis were however this book reports on the many Germans who tried to remove Hitler from power and the difficulties that they faced in achieving this goal. A very good report on this subject.

Aside from the obvious libel that Pius XII was "Hitler's pope", the Vatican's role in World War II has been unknown to most people. The temptation is to assume that the Church stood back in dismay but didn't do a whole lot to remedy the situation. This book takes care of that ambiguity in the most scholarly possible way. It turns out that, yes, the Vatican and Pope Pius XII did indeed wage war against Hitler and the Third Reich, but that war could not be obvious or overt for any number of reasons, which are well explained in the book. The number of people -- including some very colorful and interesting characters -- who were thus engaged is astonishing, as is the extent of their penetration of the Third Reich hierarchy, and the extent of their intelligence operations. It reads like a spy novel, except that it's all true -- and eye-opening as well. Highly recommended!

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