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PAPAL LETTER.

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Qua Pius PP. X gratulatur Rectori et alumnis Collegii Urbani
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PIUS PP. X

Dilecte fili, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem.

Quum, haud ita pridem, te, una cum alumnis tuo regimini creditis, admissione Nostra donavimus, placuit testari coram amplissimis verbis qua existimatione quaque benevolentia Collegium vestrum prosequeremur. Et merito id quidem. Videmus enim, ex annuo in scholis periculo stataque praemiorum distributione, sic alumnos istos in disciplinarum sacrarum studia incubuisse strenue, ut tulisse primas laetarentur. Aliunde vero non ignorabamus diligentiae huic in sacris excolendis doctrinis parem esse et disciplinae servandae constantiam et exercendae pietatis ardorem. Libet igitur iterum per litteras gratulari tibi, qui egregie Rectoris munere fungeris; gratulari simul alumnis omnibus, qui optime industriis tuis obsecundant. Crescat, hoc plane optamus et ominamur, crescat adolescentium numerus, qui ex Americae foederatis Civitatibus huc transmeent, catholicam sapientiam in ipso fidei centro apud Cathedram Beati Petri Apostolorum Principis hausturi. Equidem ex vestro Collegio, ut multa apud vestrates in Religionis utilitatem provenisse scimus, sic ampliora in posterum proventura confidimus. Hoc ut eveniat, tibi, dilecte fili, tuisque in Collegio moderando adiutoribus nec non alumnis singulis, Apostolicam benedictionem, caritatis Nostrae pignus et munerum divinorum auspiciem, amatissime in Domino impertimus.

Datum Romae apud S. Petrum, die XXVII. Februarii MCMV.,
Pontificatus Nostri anno secundo.

PIUS PP. X.

ENCYCLICAL.

SANCTISSIMI DOMINI NOSTRI
PII
DIVINA PROVIDENTIA
PAPAE X.

Litterae Encyclicae: De Modernistarum Doctrinis.

Pascendi dominici gregis mandatam Nobis divinitus officium id munus in primis a Christo assignatum habet, ut traditae sanctis fidei depositum vigilantissime custodiat, repudiatis profanis vocum novitatibus atque oppositionibus falsi nominis scientiae. Quae quidem supremi providentia pastoris nullo plane non tempore catholico agmini necessaria fuit; etenim, auctore humani generis hoste, numquam defuere *viri loquentes perversa* (Act. xx. 30), *vaniloqui et seductores* (Tit. i. 10), *errantes et in errorem mittentes* (II. Tim. iii. 13). Verumtamen inimicorum crucis Christi, postrema hac aetate, numerum crevisse admodum fatendum est; qui, artibus omnino novis astuque plenis, vitalem Ecclesiae vim elidere, ipsumque, si queant, Christi regnum evertere funditus nituntur. Quare silere Nobis diutius haud licet, ne muneri sanctissimo de esse videamur, et benignitas, qua, spe sanioris consilii, huc usque usi sumus, officii oblivio reputetur.

Qua in re ut moram ne interponamus illud in primis exigit, quod fautores errorum iam non inter apertos hostes quaerendi sunt modo; verum, quod dolendum maxime verendumque est, in ipso latent sinu gremioque Ecclesiae, eo sane nocentiores, quo minus perspicui.—Loquimur, Venerabiles Fratres, de multis e catholicorum laicorum numero, quin, quod longe miserabilius, ex ipso sacerdotum coetu, qui, fucoso quodam Ecclesiae amore, nullo solido philosophiae ac theologiae praesidio, immo adeo veneratis imbuti penitus doctrinis quae ab Ecclesiae osoribus traduntur, Ecclesiae eiusdem renovatores, omni posthabita modestia animi, se iactitant; factoque audacius agmine, quidquid sanctius est in Christi opere impetunt, ipsa haud incolumi divini Reparatoris persona, quam ausu sacrilego, ad purum putumque hominem extenuant.

Homines huiusmodi Ecclesiae Nos hostibus adscribere, etsi mirantur ipsi, nemo tamen mirabitur iure, qui, mente animi