

Appendix E

In Their Own Words

In the spring of 1852 a concourse of American bishops met in Buffalo, New York to devise and discuss Catholic strategy regarding Rome's takeover of the United States. Onlookers D'Arcy McGee, editor of the Freeman's Journal a periodical of the Bishop of New York, and Catholic priest, Charles Chiniquy, heard with shock and unbelief the ultimate plans of Rome as she articulated her strategy. This tactic was to replace America's constituted form of republican government and make it a pontifical dictatorship. The following excerpt is taken from the sixth edition of Chiniquy's book, *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome*, 1886

"We are determined, like you, to take possession of the United States and rule them; but we cannot do that without acting secretly and with the utmost wisdom. If our plans are known, they will surely be defeated. What does a skillful general do when he wants to conquer a country? Does he scatter his soldiers over the farmlands, and spend their time and energy in plowing the fields and sowing grain? No! He keeps them well united around his banners, and marches at their head, to the conquest of the strongholds, the rich and powerful cities. The farming countries then submit and become the price of his victory, without moving a finger to subdue them. So it is with us.

What will those hypocritical and godless sons and daughters of the fanatical Pilgrim Fathers say, when not a single judge, not a single teacher, not a single policeman, will be elected if he be not a devoted Irish Roman Catholic? What will those so called giants think of our matchless shrewdness and ability, when not a

single Senator or member of Congress will be chosen, if he be not submitted to our holy father, the Pope? What a sad figure those Protesant [sic] Yankees will cut when we will not only elect the President, but fill and command the armies, man the navies, and hold the keys of the public treasury? It will then be time for our faithful Irish people to give up their groghops, in order to become the judges and governors of the land. Then, yes! then, we will rule the United States, and lay them at the feet of the Vicar of Jesus Christ, that he may put an end to their godless system of education, and sweep away those impious laws of liberty of conscience, which are an insult to God and man!" pp. 668-670

As the Jesuits eyed the gold mines that were thrust into the limelight because of the California Gold Rush of 1848, Chiniquy explains how the Jesuits' plan of taking over San Francisco was to be orchestrated. It came to the attention of the Jesuits that most of the people migrating to the (gold) madness of California would only stay as long as it took them to stake a claim, work it, and save the necessary monies. After this was accomplished, they would purchase land elsewhere only to move on.

The Jesuits believed if they could convince the Irish Catholics to stay in San Francisco, they could eventually rule this gem of the west. You say 'The Irish Catholics would do as their conscience dictated.' Listen to what Chiniquy says, "When one knows the absolute, abject submission of the Irish Roman Catholics, rich or poor, to their priests; how the mind, the soul, the will, the conscience are firmly and irrevocably tied to the feet of the priests, he can easily understand that the Jesuits of the United States form one of the richest and most powerful corporations the world ever saw." pp. 670-671

Rome is in constant conspiracy against the rights and liberties of man all over the world; but she is

particularly so in the United States. Long before I was ordained a priest, I knew that my church was the most implacable enemy of this Republic. My professors of philosophy, history and theology had been unanimous in telling me that the principles and laws of the Church of Rome were absolutely antagonistic to the laws and principles which are the foundation-stones of the Constitution of the United States.

- ❖ 1st. The most sacred principle of the United States Constitution is the equality of every citizen before the law. But the fundamental principle of the Church of Rome, is the denial of that equality.
- ❖ 2nd. Liberty of conscience is proclaimed by the United States, a most sacred principle which every citizen must uphold, even at the price of his blood. But liberty of conscience is declared by all the Popes and Councils of Rome, a most godless, unholy and diabolical thing, which every good Catholic must abhor and destroy, at any cost.
- ❖ 3rd. The American Constitution assures the absolute independence of the civil from the ecclesiastical or church power; but the Church of Rome declares, through all her Pontiffs and Councils, that such independence is an impiety and a revolt against God.
- ❖ 4th. The American Constitution leaves every man free to serve God according to the dictates of his conscience; but the Church of Rome declares that no man has ever had such a right, and that the Pope alone can know and say what man must believe and do.
- ❖ 5th. The Constitution of the United States denies the right in any body to punish any other for differing from him in religion. But the Church of Rome says that she has a right to punish with the confiscation of their goods, or the penalty of death, those who differ in faith from the Pope.
- ❖ 6th. The United States have established schools all over their immense territories, where they invite the

people to send their children, that they may cultivate their intelligence and become good and useful citizens. But the Church of Rome has publicly cursed all these schools, and forbidden their children to attend them, under pain of excommunication in this world and damnation in the next.

- ❖ 7th. The Constitution of the United States is based on the principle that the people are the primary source of all civil power. But hundreds of times, the Church of Rome has proclaimed that this principle is impious and heretical. She says that "all government must rest upon the foundation of the Catholic faith; with the Pope alone as the legitimate and infallible source and interpreter of the law."

I could cite many other things, proving that the Church of Rome is an absolute and irreconcilable enemy of the United States; but it would be too long. These are sufficient to show to the American people that Rome is a viper, which they feed and press upon their bosom. Sooner or later, that viper will bite to death and kill this Republic. pp. 672-673

"The church is of necessity intolerant. Heresy, she endures when and where she must, but she hates it, and directs all her energies to destroy it. If Catholics ever gain a sufficient numerical majority in this country, religious freedom is at an end. So our enemies say, so we believe." *The Shepherd of the Valley*, official journal of the Bishop of St. Louis, Nov. 23, 1851, p. 675

"No man has a right to chose [sic] his religion. Catholicism is the most intolerant of creeds. It is intolerance itself. We might as rationally maintain that two and two does not make four, as the theory of Religious Liberty. Its impiety is only equaled [sic] by its absurdity." *New York Freeman*, official journal of Bishop Hughes, Jan. 26, 1852, p. 675

"The Church is instituted, as every Catholic who understands his religion believes, to guard and defend the right of God, against any and every enemy, at all times, in all places. She, therefore, does not, and cannot accept, or in any degree favor liberty, in the Protestant sense of liberty." *Catholic World*, April, 1870, p. 675

"The Catholic Church is the medium and channel through which the will of God is expressed. While the state has rights, she has them only in virtue and by permission of the Superior Authority, and that authority can be expressed only through the church." *Catholic World*, July, 1870, p.675

"Religious Liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic Church." Rt. Rev. O'Connor, Bishop of Pittsburgh, p. 675

"Negroes have no rights which the white man is bound to respect." *Roman Catholic Chief-Justice Roger B. Taney*, in his Dred-Scott vs. Sandford Decision. p. 679

"No good government can exist without religion, and there can be no religion without an inquisition, which is wisely designed for the protection and promotion of the true faith." *Boston Pilot*, official journal of the Bishop, p. 679

"The Pope has the right to pronounce sentence of deposition against any sovereign, when required by the good of the Spiritual Order." *Brownson's Review*, 1849, p. 679

"The absurd and erroneous doctrines, or ravings, in defense of liberty of conscience, are a most pestilential error, a pest of all others, to be dreaded in the State." *Encyclical Letters of Pope Pius IX*, Aug. 15, 1854, p. 680

“That we may, in all things, attain the truth. That we may not err in anything, we ought ever to hold, as a fixed principle, that what I see white, I believe to be black, if the superior authorities of the church define it to be so.” *Spiritual Exercise*, by Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits.

“As for holy obedience, this virtue must be perfect in every point, in execution, in will, in intellect, doing which is enjoined with all celerity, spiritual joy, and perseverance; persuading ourselves that everything is just, suppressing every repugnant thought and judgment of one's own, in a certain obedience, should be moved and directed under Divine Providence, by his superior, just as if he were a corpse (Perindiacsi cadaver esset) which allows itself to be moved and led in every direction.” Ignatius Loyola, *Spiritual Exercise*, p. 681, 682

“See, sir, from this chamber, I govern, not only to Paris, but to China; not only to China, but to all the world, without anyone knowing how I do it.” Tambriorini, General of the Jesuits, page 681

“A man who has been excommunicated by the Pope, may be killed anywhere, as Escobar and Deaux teach, because the Pope has an indirect jurisdiction over the whole world, even in temporal things, as all the Catholics maintain, and as Suarez proves against the King of England.” Bussambaum Lacroi, *Theologica Moralis*, 1757, page 681

“If the Holy Church so requires, let us sacrifice our own opinions, our knowledge, our intelligence, the splendid dreams of our imagination and the sublime attainments of human understanding.” Pope Gregory XVI, *Encyclical*, Aug. 15th, 1832, p. 682

“Let us bring all our skill to bear upon this part of our plan. Our chief concern must be to mould the people to our purposes. Doubtless, the first generation will not be wholly ours; but the second will nearly belong to us: and the third entirely.” *The Secret Plan*, page 127-128 (page 684 of Chiniquy’s book)

"The state is, therefore, only an inferior court, bound to receive the law from the superior court (the church) and liable to have its decrees reversed on appeal." *Brownson's Essays*, pages 282-284, (page 684 of Chiniquy’s book)