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Headline: French Freemasonry

Text: Catholic France provides continual evidence of the decisive role that Freemasonry plays in the political and religious realm. The clergy, which long underestimated the importance of the destructive efforts of this secret society, now sees clearly and shows itself committed to strong defensive measures as in the past against hypocritical creations of certain elements that stand totally in the service of Jewish Freemasonry. Indeed the Church has, from Benedict XII to Benedict XV, unceasingly called attention to this arch-enemy and applied the strictest penalties against its adherents. But the French Catholics perhaps saw less clearly than the Germans and did not want to believe the extremity of this danger. . .

An outstanding representative of the French clergy, Father Jouin of St. Augustine in Paris, Domestic Prelate of His Holiness, has undertaken in several journals a well-directed and yet restrained campaign against the threatening power of Freemasonry. In an essay appearing 15 November 1920 in the *Revue du Clergé Francais*, supported with powerful evidence and entitled “The Clergy and Jewish Freemasonry,” the excellent Prelate strenuously exhorts all French priests to study the Freemason question from its foundations, to fearlessly expose this frightful enemy that is sworn to the destruction of the Church, and to put it in the pillory.

In August 1920, the Abbess of the Benedictine nuns of Maredsous in Belgium told an archbishop who retold it several days later: “Sitting on the same seat where you are now, Herr Archbishop, Kaiser Wilhelm told me: ‘It was not I, but the Jews and Freemasons who wanted the war.’” (p. 313-314)

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p.314 (p.4): “’If from this day forward,’ writes Prelate Jouin, ‘the French clergy exerts itself with the Pope against Jewish Freemasonry, then France will turn itself against the world revolution and the life force will disappear from Jewish Freemasonry.’”