<p>Memorandum from Cardinal Pietro Gasparri to unidentified addressee at the Vatican, June 30, 1933:

<p>So that Hitler does not declare war on the Holy See and on the Catholic hierarchy in Germany,

<p>1. The Holy See and the Catholic hierarchy in Germany are to refrain from condemning Hitler's party.

<p>2. If Hitler wants the dissolution of the Catholic Center as a political party, he is to be obeyed without making a noise.

<p>3. Catholics are free to join Hitler's party, as the citizens of Italy are free to join the Fascist Party.

<p>4. I believe that Hitler’s party is responding to nationalist sentiment in Germany: therefore, a political-religious struggle in Germany over Hitlerism must absolutely be avoided, especially while Eminence Pacelli is Secretary of State.

<p>Source: G. Sale, \_\_\_\_\_\_, p.380, citing Vatican Archives, AA.EE.SS., Germania, Pos. 645 P.O., fasc. 163 fo. 20r.</p><br>