











# POPE PIUS X NOW SUPREME HEAD OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Giuseppe Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, Chosen by the Conclave of Cardinals on the Seventh Ballot--New Pontiff is 68 Years Old.

Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, patriarch of Venice, has been elected Pope. Thus is the prophecy of his predecessor fulfilled and a priest 68 years old, native of Italy, has donned the robes of the pontifex maximus of the Roman Catholic church.

Cardinal Macchi, secretary of apostolic briefs, announced to the crowd assembled before St. Peter's Aug. 4 that Sarto had been chosen, and that he had taken the name of Pius X. The troops on duty immediately lined up on the piazza and presented arms. Then Pope Pius X. appeared inside the balcony of the basilica and blessed the populace amid the acclamations of the enormous crowd assembled on the piazza.

Announcement of Sarto's election

a certain indication that the recipient is soon to be raised to the cardinalate.

As the new pontiff stepped from behind the altar, the only touch of color about him being his red and gold shoes, he really seemed to be the embodiment of his holy office. His face was pale and softened by emotion. He paused a moment as he came before the expectant cardinals and then seated himself on the throne with a hurried movement, as though he had suddenly grown weak. His back was to the altar and he was enthroned to serve the so-called "first obedience" of the cardinals. They came forward, one by one, some calm and smiling, others sober and noncommittal, while still others found difficulty, even at that hour, in concealing their disap-

slowly opened and the great gleaming cross was seen the impatience became extreme.

Slowly Cardinal Machi, secretary of the congregation of apostolic briefs, advanced and exclaimed in a loud voice:

"Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum habemus papem eminentissimum et Reverendissimum Dominum Cardinalem, Joseph Sarto, qui sibi imposuit nomen Pium X."

Then the bells of St. Peter boomed out as did those of all the churches of Rome, giving the glad news to the world.

As Cardinal Macchi returned to the Sistine chapel after having performed his pious duty, the new pope rose and an effort to make some kind of pro-

which flashed as though they also triumphed in Sarto's success, while the conclavists and prelates seemed really jubilant in their joy and satisfaction.

The procession traversed many noble halls until it reached the window looking into St. Peter's. From below rose a murmur of voices, which, although subdued by distance, denoted the presence of a large concourse of people.

The pope was seen to grow pale and then, turning to Cardinal Baccideri, who stood beside him, he said:

"Now, I understand the emotion Pope Leo always showed when going into St. Peter's to have the eyes of a great crowd focused on him. It is almost terrifying."

Standing forward in the window, the others having fallen back, he deliberately controlled himself and looked across the great basilica. Crossing himself, Sarto raised his hand and in a voice palpably trembling he said as soon as the cries from below gave an opportunity:

"Audiatur nosrum in nomine Domini."

To this came in reply from thousands of voices the cry:

"Qui fecit coelum et terram!"

In a thrilling voice the pope responded:

"Sit nomen Domini benedictum!"

Then raising himself to his full height and leaning forward as much as possible he intoned:

"Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus," etc., which called forth such applause that several minutes elapsed before the pontiff could retire. He then drew back and the procession re-forming, turned to the ducal hall. At the moment of leaving the window Pius X. turned to Mgr. Bisleti, who happened to be beside him, and said:

"I shall never again feel just the same emotion."

The new Pope is not so well known as some of the other cardinals who were leading candidates for the head of the church, but he is said to be very pious, yet broad and liberal minded. Of course he is an Italian.

What is regarded as even more significant than the new Pope's nationality is the fact that he is generally believed to have been favored by Leo XIII. for the august office to which he has now been elected.

It was not more than a year before his death that the best beloved Leo, in conversation with Father Lorenzo Perosi, the Italian composer, referred to Cardinal Sarto, the patriarch of Venice, in now historic terms:

"Hold him very dear, Perosi," said his holiness on that occasion, referring to Sarto, "as in the future he will be able to do much for you. We firmly believe he will be our successor."

**SKETCH OF THE NEW POPE.**

Born at Rieti, Italy, in 1835--A Man of Liberal Views.

Giuseppe Sarto, the new pope, was born in Rieti, diocese of Treviso, northern Italy, June 2, 1835, and was created cardinal by Leo XIII. at the consistory of June 12, 1893, receiving the title of S. Bernardo delle Terme. He is also patriarch of Venice since June, 1893, and Bishop of Mantua. He belongs to the ecclesiastical congregations of bishops and regulars, sacred rites, indulgences and sacred relics.

Pope Pius X. is very learned in the ecclesiastical doctrines, is modest, energetic, a good administrator and organizer, a patron of the arts, and his seriousness always has been proverbial. He has been known for many years as one of the greatest preachers in the church. Pius X. enjoyed great popularity in his diocese, and was honored by all for his purity, for the strict uprightness of his life and for liberal ideas. He is a modest and agreeable man, highly cultivated, kind-hearted, still strong and robust in spite of his 68 years. He has never taken much part in the political and public life of the church but has divided his time between study and good works.

Although most faithful to the holy see, he was presented to the king and queen of Italy in Venice. He may be considered among the more liberal members of the Italian episcopate and sacred college. He is rather timid in expressing an opinion. It is said that Leo XIII. always thought very highly of him and sided with him on one occasion when Sarto disapproved of Rappallo's policy.

Maud Howe, daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, who resided in Rome for many years, writing on "Who Will Be the Next Pope?" in the Outlook for the week dated Aug. 1, says of Cardinal Sarto:

"He is one of the most popular of the cardinals and is much beloved by the Venetians. He is a prudent, peace between the opposing factions directly opposing the policy of Leo XIII., he is noted for his abstinence from all aggressive action, and his influence is always exerted to keep the peace between the opposing factions. When King Umberto went to Venice to meet the emperor of Germany, Cardinal Sarto announced his intention of making a state visit to the king. A hint was sent him from the vatican that his course might not be a wise one and that he had best be absent from Venice at the time of the king's visit. The decision was left, however, with Sarto, who carried out his original plan, made his state visit to the king, and it is said mentioned the fact that the vatican had advised against it. Personally he is a handsome man, carrying his 68 years lightly. Strong, modest, disliking the intrigues and the ceremonies of the papal court, he rarely comes to Rome and is content to remain in his beloved Venice, the friend of the people and of the clerics alike. For Italy his election would be fortunate; he has many well-wishers in the Roman world, where, his friends hold, he is too little seen."



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POPE PIUS X., NEW PONTIFEX MAXIMUS.

was received with wild enthusiasm on the part of thousands of persons who had gathered outside St. Peter's. The scene within the basilica when the Pope pronounced his benediction was one of great excitement. Thousands of persons within the cathedral cheered and waved their hats.

While Prince Chigi, master of the conclave, was drawing up the official act of the election and acceptance of the newly elected Pope, the latter, surrounded by his friends, disappeared into a small room near the altar, where he donned the white robes of his office. He was assisted by his conclavist, who first knelt and kissed his master's hand and thus received the first apostolic blessing given by Pius X.

The new Pope was attired in white with the exception of red shoes, but he did not stop to remove the red cardinal's stockings for the white papal ones, and these showed as he raised his gown to move forward. When he was robed the secretary of the conclave, Mgr. Merry del Val, kneeling, offered him the papal white cap, amid breathless silence. He did not follow the precedent created by Pope Leo, who declined to give his red cap to the master of ceremonies as a sign that he would soon be created a cardinal, but with a slight smile took the white cap, placed it on his head and dropped the red one lightly on the head of Mgr. Merry del Val amid a murmur of approval. This is taken as

pointment. All kissed his hand and foot, and he saluted each on the cheek with the kiss of peace. Then all broke into the "Te Deum" with such effect that scarcely an eye was dry.

Pius X. thereupon rose, and in a voice at first tremulous, but gradually becoming full and firm, administered the papal blessing to all the members of the sacred college. It was received with bowed and uncovered heads, the fisherman's ring not yet having been found, a new one designed by Camerlengo Oreglia was placed on the pontiff's finger as a symbol of renewed power and evidence that the Catholic church once more has a sovereign head.

The crowd of people around St. Peter's square watching the stovetop of the Sistine Chapel was the largest that has gathered there since the conclave of cardinals began for the purpose of selecting a successor to Pope Leo XIII. It is estimated that there were at least 12,000 people around the square.

Meanwhile masons and carpenters had been busy breaking down doors, so that the cardinal deacons, together with the master of ceremonies, the conclavists and many others might proceed to the balcony of St. Peter's. The populace, waiting in the piazza, had already seen the little thread of smoke, almost transparent, which told what to expect, so that when the windows on the balcony

cession was made, but Pius X. was literally carried in triumph to his cell, followed by a great concourse and preceded by the cross. He was stopped every step or two by those anxious to kiss his ring and receive the papal blessing, which Sarto accorded with great benignity and patience.

When he arrived at the door of his cell the pope turned and raising his hands gave, in a voice almost suffocated with emotion, his benediction to the assembly, which received it on bended knees.

After a short rest, imposed by the fatigue and emotion of his election, Pius X. joined his court in the ducal hall for the solemn benediction which he was about to give the people of Rome. Although to ordinary eyes the confusion was as great as ever, to those practiced in the mysteries of the vatican order was coming out of chaos, and the bearing of all in the presence of the pope was much more formal. The babel of voices sank at his approach, while none addressed him unless he spoke first.

The formal salutations having ended, a procession was formed. In the center was the pontiff in his white robes, his figure standing out above those surrounding him, his silver hair gleaming under his white cap. He was surrounded by the cardinals, still in their violet robes and preceded by the pontifical cross, the jewels of

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