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The Lives and Times of the Popes



- 1 When Benedict XIV. was asked whether he would accept the pontificate, how did he reply? 5.\*
- 2 Upon what date was he solemnly crowned in the Vatican Basilica? 5.
- 3 Soon after his accession, to what did this Pope turn his attention? 7.
- 4 How did he declare himself to Roman prelates regarding study? 7.
- 5 To that end, what four academies did Benedict establish? 7.
- 6 When did Charles VI. die? 9.
- 7 Soon after his death, how did his daughter, Maria Teresa, encroach upon the rights of the Holy See? 9.
- 8 In some Christian countries, at this period, how had abuses crept in upon the validity of marriages? 10.
- 9 With what words did the Pope remind the judges of their duty? 10.
- 10 How did Benedict XIV. confirm the constitution of Clement XI? 10.
- 11 What is ascribed to this Pontiff with regard to his vast erudition? 13.
- 12 Upon what subject did Philip V. make a decree? 13.
- 13 How did this prince decide, pro and con, respecting the Jesuits? 14.
- 14 In a brief to the bishops and missionaries of the Indian peninsula, what did the Holy Father confirm? 15.
- 15 Who was victorious at Fontenoy? 18.

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- 16 How did Charles Edward, son of James, endeavor to regain his rights in Great Britain? 18.
- 17 With what success did he meet at first? 18.
- 18 Who, defeating him at Culloden, crushed the Jacobite party? 18.
- 19 With whom did Benedict XIV. conduct a correspondence? 18.
- 20 How did His Holiness reply to a criticism of this great writer's work? 19.
- 21 In what manner did he write to the Pope? 20.
- 22 From time to time, why did disturbances break out in Syria? 21.
- 23 What English prince did Benedict create a cardinal? 25.
- 24 Why did the Pope hesitate before making this promotion? 25.
- 25 How did this prince decide the matter? 25.
- 26 Upon what King, was the title of "Most Faithful" conferred? 28.
- 27 Between December, 1749 and July, 1750, how many Pilgrims were received at the Hospital of the Trinity? 29.
- 28 Where were Catholics cruelly persecuted at this time? 29?
- 29 Whose good services to this country, caused the Emperor to discontinue killing the missionaries and Christians? 29.
- 30 On the 11th of January, 1753, what King signed a concordat with the Pope? 30.
- 31 How did Benedict XIV. establish concord among the clergy in England? 32.
- 32 What did the Holy Father's acts testify, regarding Catholicism in America? 33.
- 33 Why was this illustrious Pontiff appreciated and admired by all? 36.
- 34 How does Walpole eulogize him? 36.
- 35 What is recorded of John Pitt? 37.
- 36 Who was crowned Pope on the 16th of July, 1758? 40.
- 37 Why was he successful, when others had failed, in getting the senate of Venice to revoke an edict against the Roman court? 40.
- 38 How did this Pontiff give the Empress Maria Teresa, a striking proof of his esteem? 41.
- 39 What prince was made Bishop of Corinth? 42.
- 40 About this time who were persecuted by the Marquis de Pompal? 43.
- 41 What court was induced to support the monstrous imposture? 44.
- 42 How did the Genoese treat a minister of the Holy See who was sent to the Island of Corsica? 46.

- 43 How did the Pope reply to the King of Naples, when he offered to mediate? 47.
- 44 To what ruler was granted the investiture of the Two Sicilies? 47.
- 45 In France, who were being persecuted? 50.
- 46 Why did Madame de Pompadour seek their ruin? 51
- 47 When asylums of piety were proscribed, what, until then unknown in France, began to multiply unchecked and uncensured? 52.
- 48 What did the French Parliament decree against the Jesuits? 54.
- 49 Who did the Pope entreat not to permit the Jesuits to be expelled from his States? 54.
- 50 How was Catholicism oppressed in Poland? 62.
- 51 What King of Spain, in 1767, ordered all Jesuits banished from his kingdom? 63.
- 52 At this announcement, what quotation from Caesar did the Holy Father make? 64.
- 53 How did this Catholic king reply to the Pontiff's address? 65.
- 54 Of what new affront was the Spanish King guilty? 65.
- 55 Meanwhile what did Pope Clement do? 66.
- 56 Ere long, who took possession of Avignon and Carpentras, where the Jesuits were still in possession of their property? 71.
- 57 How did Maria Teresa reply to His Holiness, when he beseeched her aid? 73.
- 58 What is said of the noble character of Clement XIII? 75.
- 59 Who ascended to the pontificacy in 1769? 79.
- 60 At the election, who sought to control the action of the papacy? 79.
- 61 What religious order did they desire to suppress? 82.
- 62 Why is it said that this Pope was elected in one of the stormiest of stormy times? 82.
- 63 In the midst of these tempests, to what King did the Holy Father write? 83.
- 64 With respect to the Jesuits, what did the Pope say? 84.
- 65 While he spoke thus, what did he resolve to do? 84.
- 66 What Kings had written to this Pontiff, in favor of the Jesuits? 84.
- 67 How was the Duke of Gloucester, brother of the King of England, welcomed at Rome? 84.
- 68 In what manner did George III. show his appreciation of the Pope's kindness to his two brothers? 85.
- 69 What Catholic country obstinately cherished its hatred of the Jesuits? 85.

- 70 At this time, why was Clement alarmed about Catholic interests in the States of the Grand Seigneur? 86.
- 71 What is the tribunal of the Rota? 87.
- 72 Who presented his resignation as Secretary of State in France? 92.
- 73 In 1771, what King founded the order of the Immaculate Conception? 92.
- 74 How did Clement XIV. protect and patronize the arts? 94.
- 75 What is said of this Pope losing pontifical authority? 95.
- 76 At this moment, what great religious body did the Holy Father suppress? 95.
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- 78 When was the brief published and communicated to the Jesuits at Rome? 122.
- 79 How was it executed? 122.
- 80 In what year had this Society been organized and approved by Paul III? 124.
- 81 On May 10th, 1774, what French King died? 128.
- 82 How did the Pope regard this monarch? 128.
- 83 What celebrated sculptor, relative to the tomb of Clement XIV, executed a great work? 132.
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- 85 How did this Pope show he was conversant with financial abuses? 137.
- 86 Animated by a sense of justice, how did he show his interest in the Jesuits? 137.
- 87 What distinguished members of royalty visited Rome and were received with cordiality by the Holy Father? 140.
- 88 Where did a ministerial revolution take place, in 1777? 142.
- 89 How did this benefit the Jesuits? 142.
- 90 At this moment, what Empress solicited the erection of two new sees in Hungary? 142.
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- 94 What celebrated road was restored, as a means of communication between Naples and Rome? 156.
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- 96 Who succeeded Joseph I, King of Portugal? 158.

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- 98 Who, in concert with the Turks, committed a thousand horrible excesses on the faithful? 160.
- 99 Who granted Catholic missionaries entire liberty to preach in his States? 161.
- 100 Notwithstanding the brief of supression, what Queen maintained the Jesuits in White Russia? 161.
- 101 What prince, after the death of his mother, Maria Teresa, instituted reforms among the religious in Germany? 163.
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