

Basic Detail Report

Pope Pius XII (centre) with cardinals, including Clemente Micara to his left, and Fiorenzo Angelini to his right

Date

1950-1958

Primary Maker

Grazia Neri

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Pope Pius XII reigned as Pope from 2 March 1939 to his death in 1958. Born Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli (1876 – 1958), he served as secretary of the Department of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs before his papacy, as well as papal nuncio to Germany (1917–1929), and Cardinal Secretary of State, in which capacity he worked to conclude treaties with European and Latin American nations, most notably the Reichskonkordat with Nazi Germany, with which most historians believe the Vatican sought to protect the Church in Germany while Adolf Hitler sought the destruction of "political Catholicism". Clemente Micara (1879 – 1965) was an Italian Cardinal of the Catholic Church. He was elevated to the cardinalate in 1946 and served as Vicar General of Rome from 1951 until his death. Fiorenzo Angelini (1916 – 2014) was an Italian Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. He is the former President of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Health Care Workers in the Roman Curia, and was elevated to the

cardinalate in 1991. Angelini was appointed bishop by Pius XII in 1956, but did not get the galero (red hat) until 1991.

In a 1992 sermon in Saint Peter Basilica on the anniversary of the death of the pontiff, Angelini stated that his career had suffered because of his positive views of Pope Pius XII.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.5 x 24.3 cm (7 2/8 x 9 4/8 in.)