

Basic Detail Report

Pope Pius XII at a ceremony, being assisted

by Cardinal Enrico Dante

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". Enrico Dante (1884 – 1967) was an Italian Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. He served as Papal Master of Ceremonies from 1947 until his death, and was elevated to the cardinalate in 1965. His face became very familiar after assisting the popes at their Masses and other ceremonies for nearly twenty years.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.6 x 24.4 cm (7 3/8 x 9 5/8 in.)