

wish, first of all, to see you a lawyer." As a good, dutiful child, Giacomo never murmured, but set himself to studying law, yet unwavering in his determination to carry out his own desire after accomplishing that of his father. After the regular course in the science of jurisprudence, Giacomo received his diploma, and on the same day approached his father, saying: "Father, I am now a lawyer. Now I ask that I may fulfill my wish."

He then entered the Capranica College in Rome, and followed the theological lectures at the Gregorian University. On December 21, 1878, he was ordained priest. After receiving the degree of Doctor of Theology, he was admitted to the College of Noble Ecclesiastics in Rome. There he made a special course in preparation for a diplomatic career in the Church. A little later Dr. Giacomo della Chiesa was filling a position in the Secretariate of State, as an apprentice in the section for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs. By 1884 Mgr. della Chiesa was Professor of Ecclesiastical Diplomats, and in the following year he acted as secretary to Cardinal Rampolla, when that eminent Churchman journeyed to Madrid—the special envoy of Leo XIII., who had been chosen arbiter by Spain and Germany when a dispute broke out between those two nations regarding the Caroline Islands. In 1887, when Cardinal Rampolla was made Secretary of State to Leo XIII., della Chiesa was appointed as substitute of the Secretary of State and Secretary of the Cipher Code, and in December, 1907, after a brilliant career in his different offices, Mgr. della Chiesa was consecrated Bishop by the Holy Pius X.

After Archbishop della Chiesa was sent to Bologna the qualities of his soul—undefatigable energy, vast learning, quickness of perception, competency in theology and canon law, ability to express his views in clear terms, were daily becoming more evident. His attention to the wants of the poor was particularly striking, going to such lengths that he sacrificed all he was worth in the world to allay the sufferings of those around him. No pastor was ever more devoted to the young, organizing societies and doing everything at his command to stimulate and encourage them along the paths of virtue and truth. One of his life-long desires has been to see the Church possessed of a learned clergy on the principle "that a learned clergy is the best and most edifying." When the modern immoral dances, those shameful and disreputable freaks