

GLADIUM



“Nolite arbitrari quia
pacem mittere in
terram!

Non veni pacem mittere,
sed **gladium.**”

(MT. X:XXXIV)

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LIBERALISM IS A SIN!

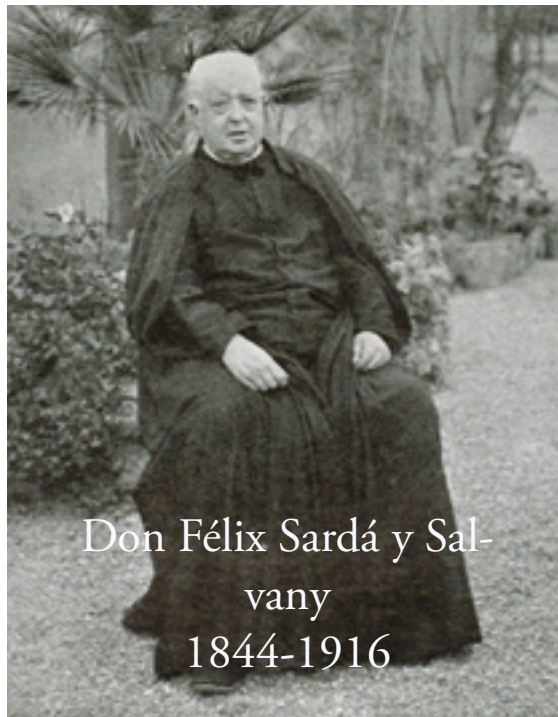
“**F**aith possesses a power of its own which it communicates to its friends and defenders. It is not they who give the Truth power, but Truth which charges them up with its own vigor. This, on the condition that they use that power in its defense.

“If the defender **under the pretext of better defending the Truth begins to mutilate it, minimize it and to attenuate it, then he is no longer defending the Truth.** He is simply defending his own invention, a mere human creation, more or less beautiful in appearance, but having no relation to Truth, the daughter of Heaven.

“Such is the delusion, of which many of our brethren are the unconscious victims through a detestable contact with Liberalism.

“They imagine with blinded good faith that they are defending and propagating Catholicism. But by dint of accommodating it to their own narrow views and feeble courage, in order to make it, as they say, more acceptable to the enemy whom they wish to overcome, they do not perceive **that they are no longer defending Catholicism but a thing of their own manufacturing, which they naively call Catholicism,** but which they ought to call by another name. Poor victims of self-deception, who at the beginning of the Battle, in order to win over the enemy, wet their own gunpowder and blunt the edge and the point of their swords! They do not stop to reflect that an edgeless and pointless sword is no longer a weapon but a useless piece of old iron, and that wet powder cannot be fired!

Their journals, their books, their discourses venerated - with Catholicity, but bereft of its spirit and its life - have no more value in the cause of the Faith than the toy swords and pistols of the nursery!”



Don Félix Sardá y Salvany
1844-1916

[Now, the determined army of Xerxes] “...These are the kind of soldiers we need! These are the kind who have always, and will yet, do something more for the glory of His Name. They go into the deadly, imminent breach and never flinch. **No compromising, no minimizing for them!**

“They plant their banner on the topmost height and form a solid, invincible phalanx around it that not even all the legions of Earth and Hell combined can budge a single inch. **They make no alliance, no compromise with a foe whose single aim, disguised or open, is the destruction of the Truth.** They know that the enemy is by nature implacable and that his flag of truce is but a cunning device of treachery. “With a prudent understanding, Catholic associations ought chiefly to take care to exclude from amongst themselves not only those who openly profess

the principles of Liberalism, **but also those who have deceived themselves into believing that a conciliation between Liberalism and Catholicism is possible, and who are known as Liberal Catholics!”**

(*Liberalism Is a Sin*, Félix Sardá y Salvany, Chapter 31)