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On Pope Pius, for Jewish War Veterans, 1939.

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The Jewish War Veterans of America express their profoundest sympathies to their fellow citizens of the Catholic Faith on the death of Pope Pius XI whose passing is a great loss to the whole of mankind. In days of spiritual confusion, he held unfalteringly aloft the torch of truth, of justice and of love. His voice rebuked the preachers of hate, intolerance and barbarism in the world. Time and again he admonished mankind against the false and disruptive doctrines of racialism, chauvinism and state totalitarianism which were making headway in the world. Always he stressed the enduring spiritual values of human life which are at the heart of the great tradition of Christianity as well as of Judaism.

His life was a blessing to mankind. His death is an irreparable loss. The Jewish War Veterans of America lay a wreath of tribute at the shrine of the memory of this courageous Soldier of the Spirit.

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