



# Instructions for Nuncio Lorenzo Schioppa at the beginning of his mission

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# A brief outline of my lecture

1. Comparison of the instructions (Teodoro Valfré di Bonzo – 1916, Francesco Marchetti Selvaggiani – August, 1920, Lorenzo Schioppa – November, 1920)
2. Analysis of the instructions to Lorenzo Schioppa following the chapters
3. Conclusions

# **I. Comparison of the instructions**

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<b>1916</b> <b>Teodoro Valfrè di Bonzo</b>	<b>1920</b> <b>Lorenzo Schioppa</b>	<b>1920</b> <b>Francesco Marchetti</b> <b>Selvaggiani</b>
I. Political-ecclesiastical legislation	I. Settlement of the question of the dioceses [the state of the diocese of Hajdúdorog is discussed in longer length in it]	I. Relations between Church and State
II. Religious orders in Austria-Hungary	II. Ecclesiastical goods [it mainly concerns the Catholic autonomy]	II. Settlement of the question of the dioceses
III. The Christian-social party	III. Collation of the benefices [that is in strong connection with the royal right of patronage and supremacy].	III. Ecclesiastical goods
IV. Catholic Action		IV. Catholic Action
V. The Los von Rom movement and the defections of the Catholic Church		V. Christian-social party
VI. Autonomy of the Catholic Church in Hungary		VI. Care of the Holy See for Austria.
VII. About oriental-rite Catholics in Austria-Hungary – Mons. Szepticki		
VIII. Ruthenians of Hungary in the United States of America		
IX. The usage of Hungarian language in the liturgy. Erection of the new diocese of Hajdu-Dorogh		
X. Catholic People's Party in Hungary		
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**II. Instructions  
for Nuncio Lorenzo Schioppa**

**/August 1920/**

# **1. Settlement of the question of the dioceses**

- Divided dioceses; unsure state and diocese borders – new circumscription does not serve the benefit of the Catholic Church
- The special role of the diocese of Hajdúdorog – impact zone for Rumanian and Hungarian national and political interests
- The disobedience of some Rumanian parishes and the dismemberment of them from the diocese of Hajdúdorog – the decision of the Holy See
- Later developments

## **2. The ecclesiastical goods**

- The funds of Religion, of Studies and of Catholic University – their main tasks
- Catholic autonomy
  - The plans of 1917 and 1919
  - The standpoint of the Holy See and the instructions given to Nuncio Teodoro Valfrè di Bonzo
- December, 1920 : the report of Nuncio Lorenzo Schioppa

### **3. The collation of benefices**

- The most important segments of the Hungarian royal right of patronage and supremacy
- Different views about the collation of the vacant benefices
- The continuation of the question on the agenda of the Sacred Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs



# **III. Conclusion**

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- The importance of the three highlighted chapters from the point of view of the local church and the mission of the nuncio
- Nuncio Lorenzo Schioppa got from the instructions a complete, thorough picture that contributed to the fruitful collaboration of State and Church.

# Sources

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