

hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to pay the various cardinals to elect him pope, he had a series of mistresses, he had his illegitimate children living with him in the Vatican and did his best to marry them to important officials in Europe and the story of the Borgias and their alleged poisoning and stabbing and so on became one of the legends of European history. His son Cesare Borgia was undoubtedly one of the cruelist men in history, a man who found nothing too underhanded to stoop to an ordained . He was, of course, the climax of the century but there were others before him who were not so inferior to him in this general attitude. We went into it two years ago quite a bit.

E. The Friars. The Friars we discussed at some length two years ago also. We noticed that the monastic orders became so numerous that the, by 1200 the pope had decided not to permit any more monastic orders to be established. There were enough already, but then, just at the turn of the century in the time of Innocent III there came two remarkable men, Francis of Assisi and Dominic . One was an Italian and one was a Spaniard. They were very different but Dominic got an idea from Francis which made their work have much in common. You all know, of course, the story of Francis of Assisi, a man who seems to have been a very sincere man, a man who was tremendously interested in the death of Christ, and in the love of Christ and who constantly stresses it, a man who loved everything human. He even loved the animal . They claimed he would spread out his arms and the birds would come and gather around him, because he used to go out and try to preach to the birds and the animals; he loved everything that was living and he gathered around him, though he was mistreated by his for a time, he gathered around him a group of men who followed him and their desire was to go around doing good. They took as their cardinal doctrine that they were going to be absolutely without any of this world's goods. They would have no property whatever. They would simply subsist on the gifts which the Lord had sent them, and so Francis of Assisi began what he called the order of lesser brothers. Today you see a book written by a man who proudly writes