

*Sep. 27, 2016: Draft. Details of text still under review including his working & personal relationship between the Vatican, Wallenberg, Lutz and others. Sources: <http://www.raoul-wallenberg.eu/otherjnstse/23-angelo-rotta/> (March 6, 2008. Printed Sept. 26, 2106). 2007 Book, Charles T.O. O'Reilly, The Jews of Italy. 2014 Book, Anthony J. Sciolino, The Holocaust Church Law Consequences. April 2016, Angelo Rotta letter invoice. Rev. October 31, 2025.



Bishop Angelo Rotta (August 9, 1872 - February 1, 1965)

In May 1930, Angelo Rotta was assigned as the Papal Nuncio (equal in status to an Ambassador and diplomatic representative) for the Pope in Budapest, Hungary. Angelo Rotta was already expressing his concerns of Hungary's treatment of the Jews by the time Pope Pius XII began his Papacy on March 2, 1939. Pope Pius XII is often evaluated by his silence, passivity, capacity to advocate for justice, or his motives while Rome existed precariously under Italy's Dictator Mussolini and later when occupied by Germany. Exceptions to the silence included Angelo Rotta's official May 15, 1944 protest to the Hungarian government and his later actions against deportations.

In collaboration with Raoul Wallenberg, Carl Lutz and other diplomats from neutral countries, Rotta got permission from the Vatican to issue thousands of protection letters to Jewish converts (relaxing his prerequisite of Baptism). The letters allowed his "Jewish brothers" to live in apartment buildings under his protection. In November 1944, his apartments were combined with dozens of similar buildings establishing the "International Ghetto." Tens of thousands of Jews were saved by collaborative efforts in creating various documents of immunity.

In April 1945, Russia "instructed" Rotta to leave Hungary. He passed away in Rome in 1965. On July 16, 1997 Angelo Rotta was recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations.

The letter of protection dated November 15, 1944 was written for Jewish widow Riedl Emilné, maiden name Iren Fürédi. Signed by Angelo Rotta, the document enabled the widow's life to be saved and be transferred to the "International Ghetto."