

a lot of congregations from above is not a satisfactory means. And the result is that there has developed, in this regard, a tremendous amount of freedom in the Roman Catholic Church. An individual comes up who has tremendous ability in a certain line. In the Roman Catholic Church he starts an order. He gets a group of people, he does very effective work, pretty soon he has other groups all around. Well, the Roman Catholic ~~system~~ system allows him to start an order if they he is worthy and ~~is~~ in line with the general quality of their church as a whole. ⁺They will let him start an order, subject ~~to~~ to the pope's authority but the pope won't interfere, so long as he doesn't go against the basic principles of Roman Catholicism. And they ~~will~~ will ~~give~~ give him a great deal of leeway as to the means and methods he uses. He may have his followers in many countries subject to him, and the papacy will keep an oversight that he is not leading them in directions away from the general teaching of the church. But as to the actual running of the particular ~~congregation~~ congregation, it would be very different from that of some other order. They give a tremendous amount of freedom, wither in individual congregations, or more largely in particular orders or particular diocese. And they do that because they have come to realize through the years that you cannot set a standard from above that everybody is going to follow. It doesn't fit particular ~~situations~~ situations, and the thing that makes for progress is calling out the latent abilities of individuals, And individual leaders.

Now, the congregational system, the opposite/ system, theoretically calls out the ~~latent~~ latent abilities of every individual. And of course, so far as that can be done, there is a very ~~real~~ real advantage in it. The church the people just come to and listen and go away is not an effective church. The more you can get all your people taking part, the better. The more you can get them using their minds, as to how to go forward and what to do, the more you do all the work, the poorer it will be. The more you can stir them, not only to use their bodies, but to use their brains. Not only to run and carry notes, but to think out ways of presenting them, the more effective your work is going to be. ~~XXXXXX~~