





putting him in confinement, and arrested me and threatened to send me to French Guyana. Later they released me, and when they refused to let me join the Pope, I went to Naples and then Venice. Pius VI died in August 1799 and with the election of Pius VII I was made a cardinal and Secretary of State.

By 1800, the Austrians and Neapolitans had expelled the French from Rome and the Pope and I returned. I protec

