

The Scarlet and the Black

Pre-Movie Background

June 1929	The Vatican becomes an independent state in the Lateran Agreement
October 1936	Italy forms Axis alliance with Germany
March 1939	Pius XII becomes Pope
Sept 1939	Start of World War 2
1939 - 1941	(Victories for Germany and Italy)
June 1943	Allies invade the island of Sicily
July 1943	Italian government collapses
September 1943	Germany occupies Rome
October 1943	Italy surrenders to the allies and declares war on Germany
June 1944	Allies occupy Rome. German forces flee to the north.



Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty	Priest who runs the Escape Line. Father Vittorio works with him.
Colonel Herbert Kappler	SS officer in charge of security in Rome. Captain Hirsch and Reinhard Beck work with him.
Pope Pius XII	(dresses in white)
Father Morosini	Hot-headed priest who wants to fight the Germans
Francesca Lombardi	Widow who hides prisoners in her apartment
Sir D'Arcy Osborne	British ambassador to the Vatican
Alfred West	Sir D'Arcy's butler
Count Langenthal	Swiss ambassador to the Vatican