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## Abstracts

ALBERTO BELLETTI, Il Cardinale Paul Cullen. «L'impero spirituale della Chiesa Cattolica irlandese» e gli sconvolgimenti politici nell'Italia e nell'Irlanda del tardo '800

*Cardinal Paul Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin from 1852 to 1878, was able to expand his influence far beyond the borders of Ireland. As a result, Irish Catholicism became a hierarchic system, led by Cullen himself, in the British colonies and in the English-speaking world. However, in the last years of his life, Cullen lost a lot of his influence, and after his death the system of power which he had led ceased to exist. This happened for many reasons, one of these, examined in this essay, was the new political situation: in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Irish nationalism strengthened, while the Holy See, after the annexation of the Papal States by the Italian Kingdom, started looking abroad in search of protection and, for this reason, wanted to be on good terms with the United Kingdom. In a situation such as this, every Irish prelate was in a difficult position, and this undoubtedly facilitated end of the Cullen's top-heavy system.*

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