

**CANON LAW.**

1. The constitutions of princes are not superior, but subordinate to ecclesiastical constitutions.
2. The laws of the emperors cannot supersede the ecclesiastical or canon laws.
3. It is not lawful for an emperor to enact anything opposed to the apostolic canons.
4. It is not lawful for kings to usurp the things that belong to priests.
5. No custom of anyone can thwart the statutes of the popes.
6. Let no resistance be offered to the apostolic canon precepts, but let them be satisfactorily fulfilled.

7. The yoke imposed by the holy see is to be borne though it appear intolerable and insupportable.

8. The Pontiff can neither be forced nor bound by the secular power.

9. That the Pontiff was called God by the pious Prince Constantine; and that as God he cannot be judged as man.

10. That as God he is far above the reach of all human law and judgment.

11. That all laws contrary to the canons and decrees of the Roman prelates are of no force.

12. That all of the ordinances of the popes are unalterably to be obeyed.

13. We ought not even to speak to one whom the popes have excommunicated.

14. Priests are fathers and masters, even of princes.

15. The civil law is derived from man, but the ecclesiastical or canon law is derived directly from God; and the pontiff can, in connection with his prelates, make constitutions for the whole Christian world, in matters spiritual, concerning the salvation of souls, and the right government of the church; and if necessary judge and dispose of all the temporal goods of all Christians.

16. A heretic, holding or teaching false doctrine concerning the sacraments, is excommunicated and degraded, and banished over to the secular court.

17. Secular princes unwilling to swear to defend the church against heretics are excommunicated, and they are banished an interdict.

18. The goods of heretics are to be confiscated and applied to the church.

19. Advocates or notaries favoring heretics, or their defenders, or pleading for them in law suits, or writing documents for them, are infamous and suspended from office.

20. The secular powers, whether permanent or temporary, are bound to swear that they will exterminate, according to their power, all heretics condemned by the church; and a temporal lord not purging his land of heretics, is excommunicated.

21. Those signed with the cross for the extermination of heretics, rejoice in the privilege granted to the crusaders for the help of the holy land.

22. They are absolved from all obligations who are in anywise bound to heretics.

23. Whoever dies in battle against the unbelieving, merits the kingdom of heaven.

24. We do not esteem those homicides, to whom it may have happened in their zeal for their mother church against the excommunicated, to kill some of them.

25. That Catholic Princes are bound, both by civil and canon law, not to receive or tolerate heretics, and much more are not to permit their retinues, or other exercise of their religion; rather, their false sect, but are most solemnly bound everywhere, to repel and expel them.

26. The following temporal punishments are to be enforced on heretics: 1st—Infamy, and the consequent disqualifications for all civil acts. 2nd—Intestacy, as well active as passive that is, they can neither make will nor inherit what is left to them by others. 3rd—Loss of paternal power over children. 4th—Loss of dowry, and other privileges granted to women. 5th—Confiscation of all goods. 6th—That vassals and slaves and others are free from all even sworn obligations due to their lord or another. 7th—Capital corporal punishment, especially death, and perpetual imprisonment.

27. The canon law forbids all toleration.

28. That metropolitans and bishops are to excommunicate him who grants liberty of conscience.

29. No oath is to be kept towards heretic princes, lords or others.

30. Heretics are to be deprived of all civil and paternal rights.

31. The pope can absolve from all oaths.

32. Every bishop is ordinary judge in a cause of heresy. The reason is because the bishops can excommunicate and ought to extirpate heretics, and inflict upon them the due punishments, and to this are bound on pain of deposition. Besides, are the inquisitors especially deplored by the apostolic see. Every bishop in his diocese is thought to be, and in reality is, a natural inquisitor, literally born inquisitor, so as to have the same power with those already mentioned in a cause of heresy.

33. In every promissory oath, although absolutely taken, there are certain conditions tacitly understood, amongst which are: 1st—if I can; 2nd—to save the right and authority of a superior; 3rd—When the oath imposes the honor of the apostolic see to be illicit.

34. That the council of Trent, (the last and greatest authority of Rome), decrees and commands that the sacred canons and all general concilia, also the other apostolic enactments issued in favor of ecclesiastical persons of ecclesiastical liberty, and against its violators, all of which by this present decree it renews, and must be exactly observed.

**CARDINAL'S OATH.**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, cardinal of the Holy Roman church, do promise and swear that, from this time to the end of my life, I will be faithful and obedient unto St. Peter, the holy apostolic Roman church, and our most holy lord, the pope of Rome, and his successors, canonically and lawfully elected; that I will give no advice, consent or assistance against the pontifical majesty nor person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the councils entrusted to me by themselves, or by messengers or letters; also that I will give them any assistance in retaining, defending and recovering the Roman papacy and the regalia of Peter, with all my might and endeavor, so far as the rights and privileges of my order will allow it, and will defend them against all their honor and state, and I will direct and defend, with due form and honor, the legates and nuncios of the apostolic see, in the territories, churches, monasteries and other benefices committed to my keeping; and I will cordially co-operate with them and treat them with honor in their coming, abiding and returning, and that I will rest unto all persons whatsoever who shall attempt anything against them. That I will, by every way and by every means strive to preserve, augment and advance the rights, honors, privileges, the authority of the Holy Roman church, our lord the pope and his before mentioned successors; and that, at whatever time anything shall be decided to their prejudice, which is out of my power to hinder, as soon as I shall know that any steps or measures have been taken in the matter, I will make it known to the same, our lord or his successors, or some other person by whose means it may be brought to their knowledge. That I will keep and carry out and cause others to keep and carry out the rules of the holy father, the decrees,

ordinances, dispensations, regulations, pronouncements, apostolic mandates and constitutions of the Holy Father, Sermo, of happy memory, as to visiting the thresholds of the apostles at certain prescribed times, according to the tenor of that which I have just read through. That I will seek out and expose, prosecute, and fight and constantly persecute, et superstitiosum against heretics schismatics who oppose our lord the Pope of Rome and his before mentioned successors, and this I will do with every possible effort."

"I likewise do swear to the pope,

**BISHOP'S OATH.**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, elect of the Detroit diocese, from henceforward will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter the Apostle and to the Holy Roman church, and to our lord, the holy pope of Rome, and to his successors canonically entering, I will neither advise, consent nor do anything that they may lawfully or member, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in any wise laid upon them, or any injuries offered to them, under any pretense whatsoever. The young I with which they shall intrust me by themselves, their messengers or letters, I will not knowingly reveal to defend, to their prejudice. I will help them to defend and keep the Roman papacy and the royalties of St. Peter against all men. The legate of the apostolic see, going and coming, I will honorably treat and help in his necessities. The rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman church of our lord, the pope, and his aforesaid successors, I will endeavor to preserve, defend, increase and advance. Later I will not be in any counsel, action or treaty, in which he plotted against our said lord and Roman church, anything to the hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and I shall know any such thing to be treated or agitated by any whatsoever. I will hinder it to my utmost, and as soon as I can, I will signify it to our said lord. The ordinance and mandates of the pope, I will observe with all my might and cause to be observed by others."

"Heretics, schismatics and rebels to our said lord or his successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose."

"Heretics, schismatics et rebelles eidem Dominio nostro vel successori predicto pro posse persequar et opugnabo."

"I will come to a council when I am called, will visit the threshold of the apostles every three years and give an account of our lord of all my pastoral office and of the things belonging to my diocese to the discipline of my clergy and people. I will in like manner humbly receive and diligently execute the apostolic commands. If I am detained by a lawful impediment, I will perform the aforesaid by a member of my chapter or a priest of my diocese, fully instructed in all things above mentioned. The possessions belonging to my tabernacle, I will neither sell nor other wise alienate without consulting the Roman pontiff. So help me God and these holy gospels of God."

**PRIEST'S OATH.**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and the Sacred Host of Heaven, and to you my lord, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation that the pope is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by Jesus Christ he has power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the church of the Protestants whatever whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the mother church of damn a prince of royal blood."

"I do denounce and disown any allegiance us due to any Protestant king, prince or state or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable, and those to be damned who will not forsake the same. I do further declare that, notwithstanding all the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the mother church of

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