

**CANON LAW.**

1. The constitutions of priests are not superior, but subordinate to ecclesiastical constitutions.  
 2. The laws of the chapters cannot decide the ecclesiastical or canon laws.  
 3. It is not lawful for an chapter to exact anything opposed to the apostolic rules.  
 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 my resolutions be offered to the apostolic constitutions; but let them be satisfactorily fulfilled.

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

8. The Pontiff can neither be bound nor 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, economically entering, I will neither advise, consent nor anything that they may lose life or members, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in any wise laid upon them, at any injuries offered to them, under any pretense whatsoever. The counsel with which they shall intrust me by themselves, their messengers or letters, I will not knowingly reveal to any, 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 seeing 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. I will not be in any council, action or treaty, in which shall be plotted against our said lord and Roman church, anything to the hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and if 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."

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I 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. I the undersigned hereto, do swear to the table, without consulting the Roman pontiff. So help me God and these holy gospels of God."

2. (Signature) Then sent to the pope.

**BISHOP'S OATH.**

3. —— 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, economically entering, I will neither advise, consent nor anything that they may lose life or members, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in any wise laid upon them, at any injuries offered to them, under any pretense whatsoever. The counsel with which they shall intrust me by themselves, their messengers or letters, I will not knowingly reveal to any, 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 seeing 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. I will not be in any council, action or treaty, in which shall be plotted against our said lord and Roman church, anything to the hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and if 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."

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**PRIEST'S OATH.**

4. —— 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 that, 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 Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurpal and heretical opposing the sacred mother, the church of Rome.

5. 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.

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

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

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

9. 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.

10. 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 rites, or other exercises of their religion, or rather, their false sect, but are most solemnly bound everywhere, to repel and expel them.

11. The following temporal punishments are to be enforced on heretics: 1st—Infamy, and the consequent disqualification for all civil acts. 2nd—Inestimability, 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.

12. The canon law forbids all torture.

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

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

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

16. The pope can absolve from all oaths.

17. Every bishop is ordinary judge in a cause of heresy. The reason is because the bishops can ex-officio, 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 re it is a natural inquisitor, literally born inquisitor, so as to have the same power with those already mentioned in a cause of heresy.

18. 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 supposes the honor of the apostolic see to be illicit.

19. That the council of Trent, the last and great authority of Rome, decrees and commands that the sacred canons and all general councils, 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 by all.

**CARDINAL'S OATH.**

20. —— 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 and person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the council 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 force 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 resolute unto all persons whatsoever that I will 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 bishop, 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

**Articles of Incorporation.**

For the purpose of becoming a body corporate under the laws of Nebraska, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, do adopt the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I.—The name of the corporation shall be the "American Publishing Company."

ARTICLE II.—The principal place of business of the corporation shall be Omaha, Nebraska.

ARTICLE III.—The business of said corporation shall be publishing newspapers, or general publications, in all its branches, book-binding, stereotyping, electrotyping and engraving; it shall have power to take up, own or rent such machinery, material or such other real and personal property as it may need in the conduct of its business.

ARTICLE IV.—The capital stock of the corporation shall be \$100, divided into 600 shares of \$100 each, which shall be fully paid up when issued.

ARTICLE V.—The corporation shall begin August 1, 1892, and continue for five years, unless dissolved by mutual consent of the stockholders.

ARTICLE VI.—The highest amount of indebtedness or liability in which the corporation shall at any time subject itself shall not exceed FORTY PER CENT. of the paid up capital stock.

ARTICLE VII.—Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be three directors, who shall annually elect a president, secretary and treasurer from among the stockholders.

Section 2. The annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors shall be at the office of the corporation on the first Tuesday in January of each year at ten o'clock a.m.

Special meetings of the stockholders may be called at any time by the president, and shall be called at the request of any two stockholders; such notice of all meetings of stockholders shall be given as may be provided by law.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the directors for the election of officers shall be at the office of the corporation on the first Tuesday in January of each year at two o'clock p.m.

Section 4. Until the annual election of directors, and until their successors are elected and qualified, the president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected by the stockholders.

Section 5. The directors shall have power to act by-laws for the government of the corporation, and shall hold regular and special meetings as may be provided by the by-laws. They shall meet for the purpose of electing officers to serve until the first regular annual meeting, and until their successors are elected and qualified, to adopt by-laws, and the transaction of other business, on August 1, 1892, at ten o'clock a.m.

Section 6. Good a bargain cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

ARTICLE VIII.—Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be the president, secretary and treasurer.

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Section 3. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation.

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