

## CANON LAW.

1. The constitutions of priests are not superior, but subordinate to ecclesiastical constitutions.  
 2. The laws of the emperors cannot disavow the ecclesiastical canon laws.  
 3. It is not lawful for an emperor 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 or usage can abrogate the statutes of the popes.  
 6. Let no resistance be offered to the apostolic canon precepts, but let them be satisfactorily fulfilled.

**BISHOP'S OATH.**

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, son 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 electing. I will neither advise, counsel nor dissuade that they may lose life or member, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in any way laid upon them, or any injuries offered to them, under any pretense whatsoever. The council with which they shall in any way be themselves, their messengers or letters, I will not knowingly reveal to any, by 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 successors. I will endeavor to preserve, defend, increase and advance. I will not be in any counsel, 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."

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

19. Advocates of 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 extirpate, according to their power, all heretics condemned by the church; and a temporal lord not purging his land or 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. Whosoever dies in battle against the unbelieving, merits the kingdom of heaven.

24. We do not esteem those homicide, 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 rites, or other exercise of their religion, or 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—Intestability, as well active as passive (that is, they can neither make will nor inhibit 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 duration.

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

34. That the council of Trent, (the last and great 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 by all.

## 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 and person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the councils intrusted 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 resist unto blood 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

admonitions, dispensations, reservations, permissions, spiritual mandates and constitutions of the Holy Father, norms, of helping memory, as to visiting the episcopates of the species of certain presbyteries, awarding to the tenor of their which I have just read through. That I will seek out and expose, prosecute and find and punish heretics schismatics who support our lord, the pope and his before mentioned successors, and this I will do with every possible effort."

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ to the pope

## BISHOP'S OATH.

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