

**CANON LAW.**

3. The constitutions of priests are not superior, but subordinate to ecclesiastical constitutions.  
4. The laws of the emperor cannot supersede the ecclesiastical or canon law.  
5. It is not lawful for an emperor to exact anything opposed to the apostolic rules.  
6. It is not lawful for kings to usurp the things that belong to priests.  
7. No canon of anyone can shew the exiles of the popes.  
8. Let no resistance be offered to the apostolic canons or precepts, but let them be wholeheartedly fulfilled.

9. The yoke imposed by the holy see is to be borne, though it appear insufferable and mortisportive.

10. The Pontiff can neither be judged nor bound by the secular power.

11. That the Pontiff was called God by the pious Prince Constantine, and that we god he cannot be judge of man.

12. That as god he is far above the reach of all human law and judgment.

13. That all laws contrary to the canons and decrees of the human prelates are of no force.

14. That all of the ordinances of the pope are unhesitatingly to be obeyed.

15. We ought not even to speak to one whom the pope has excommunicated.

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

17. The civil law is derived from man, but the ecclesiastical or canon law is derived directly from God, by which the pontiff can, in connection with his prelates, make constitutions for the whole Christian world; — 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.

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

19. Secular princes unwilling to swear to defend the church against heretics are excommunicated, and they are laid under an interdict.

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

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

22. 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 temporal lord not purging his land of heretics, is excommunicated.

23. 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.

24. They are absolved from all obligations who are in any wise bound to heretics.

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

26. 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.

27. That Catholic Princes are bound, both by civil and common 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.

28. 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 nor will 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 sword obligations due to their lord or another. 7th—Capital corporal punishment, especially death, and perpetual imprisonment.

29. The canon law forbids all toleration.

30. That metropolitan and bishops are to excommunicate him who grants liberty of conscience.

31. No oath is to be kept toward heretic princes, lords or others.

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

33. The pope can absolve from all oaths.

34. 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 apostle see.

35. 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.

36. In every promissory oath, although absolutely taken, there are certain conditions tacitly understood, amongst which are:

1st—If I can; 2d—To save the right and authority of a superior; and—When the oath supposes the honor of the apostolic see to be illicit.

37. That the council of Trent, the last and greatest 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.**

"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 apostle of the 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 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 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 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 keep and carry

out and cause others to keep and carry out the rule of the holy father, the decree, ordinances, dispositions, resolutions, provisions, apostolic constitutions and constitutions of the Holy Father Sixtus, 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 persecutors and fight and combat persecutors of bipartitionists, against heretics, schismatics, who oppose my lord, the pope of Rome, and his before mentioned successors, and this I will do with every possible effort."

1 Signature: then next 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 nor do anything that they may inflict upon me or hands in any wise laid upon them, nor 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 know, though reveal to say, 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 apostle going and coming, I will humbly treat and hold my papal messengers or letters. The rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman church of our lord, the pope, and his said 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."

"Heretics, schismatics and rebels eidem Domino nostro vel successori predictis non posse perspicere et apponitis."

"I will come to a council when I am called, 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 commandments. 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 informed of my case, and having received my full powers to act in my stead. I will not sell, nor otherwise alienate without consulting the Roman pontiff. So help me God, and these holy gospels of God."

2 Signature: Sent to the Roman Inquisitor.

The Fenner's Oath.

"I swear by almighty God, by all in heaven and earth, by the holy prayer-book of my holy church, by the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, by her sorrow and grief at the cross, by her tears and wailings, by the holy apostles St. Peter and Paul, by the glorious apostle of Ireland—St. Patrick—by the holy national martyrs, to fight upon the Irish soil, to fight for the independence of Ireland—to fight until I die, wading in the red gore of the Sassenach [Protestant] for the glorious cause of nationality; to fight until not a single vestige, track or footprint is left to tell that the holy soil of Ireland was ever trodden by the Sassenach tyrants and murderers; and, moreover, when the Protestant robbers and ruffians in Ireland shall be murdered and driven into the sea like the swine our Lord Jesus Christ caused to be drowned, then we shall embark for, and take England, and root out every vestige of the accursed blood of the heretic adulterer, Henry VIII., and possess ourselves of the beasts who have so long kept our island of saints—Old Ireland—in the chains of bondage, driven us from her shores, exiles into foreign lands. I will wade in the blood of Orangemen and heretics [Protestants] who do not join us and become our selves."

Scotland too, having given aid and succor to the beast, we shall live in hellfire. We shall not give up until we have restored our holy faith all over the British Isles.

To all of this I sincerely and conscientiously swear with my eyes blinded, not knowing who to me administers this oath.

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