

CANON LAW.

1. The constitutions of princes are not superior, but subordinate to ecclesiastical constitutions.
 2. The laws of the emperors cannot dissolve the ecclesiastical or canon law.
 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 of anyone can thwart the statutes of the popes.
 6. Let no resistance be offered to the apostolic canons preceps, 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 loosed 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 human prelates are of no force.
 12. That all of the ordinances of the pope are unquestionably to be obeyed.
 13. We ought not even to speak to one whom the pope has 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, by which 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 handed over to the secular court.
 17. Secular princes unwilling to swear to defend the church against heretics are excommunicated, and they are liable under 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 any wise 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 rites, or other exercises 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 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.

28. The canon law forbids all tortion.
 29. That metropolitans and bishops are to excommunicate him who grants liberty of conscience.
 30. No oath is to be kept towards heretic princes, lords or others.
 31. Heretics are to be deprived of all civil and paternal rights.
 32. The pope can absolve from all oaths.
 33. 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 deputed 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.
 34. 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.
 35. 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 renewes, 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 persons; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the counsels 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 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, reservations, provisions, apostolic mandates 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 oppose, persecute and fight against the name of Protestant or Liberal, to be execrable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, or America, or in any other kingdom or territory, I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Liberal doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, real or otherwise.

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