

READ AND COMPARE

The A. P. A. Principles With the Canon Law and Several Oaths of the Roman Catholic Church.

And Then Judge for Yourself Which Have the True Spirit of Americanism in Them, the A. P. A. Principles or the Diabolical Obligations Taken by Rome's Minions.

A. P. A. Principles. The following are the declarations of principles adopted by the National Council of the A. P. A. at Des Moines:

- Loyalty to true Americanism, which knows neither birth, place, race, creed, nor party, is the first requirement for membership in the American Protective Association. The American Protective Association is not a political party, and does not control the political affiliations of its members...

termination of heretics, rejoice in the privilege granted to the crusaders for the help of the holy land. 21. They are absolved from all obligations who are in anywise bound to heretics.

22. Whoever dies in battle against the unbelieving, merits the Kingdom of Heaven. We do not esteem those homicides so when it may have happened in their zeal for their mother church against the excommunicated, to kill some of them.

23. 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.

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.

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 Hosts 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.

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, 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.

execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the pope or superior of the brotherhood of the holy father, of the society of Jesus.

The Fenian'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 wallings, by the holy apostles St. Peter and Paul, by the glorious apostle of Ireland—St. Patrick—by the blessed and holy church of all ages, 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 footstep 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 cruces who 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 ourselves.

Oath of the Clan-na-Gael. The following is the oath taken by the members of that famous Romish Catholic society: "I (name in full) do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I will labor while life is left in me to establish and defend a republican form of government in Ireland; that I will keep secret the names and everything connected with the Irish brotherhood from all not entitled to know such secrets; that I will obey and comply with the constitution and laws of the same.

Extreme Oath of the Jesuit. 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 sacred host of heaven, and to you my ghostly father, the superior general of the society of Jesus, founded by Saint Ignatius Loyola in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do, by the womb of the virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ declare and swear that his holiness, the pope, is Christ's vice-gerent, and is the true and only head of the Catholic or universal church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by my Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authorities and churches of England and Scotland, and branches of the same now established in America, and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred church of Rome.

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