Jesuit Oath of Office

The Oath as taken by the members of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, entered into the Congressional Record, 62nd Congress, 3rd Session; House Bill 1523, Library of Congress, Catalog Card Number, 66-43354, Volume 49, part 4, pages 3215-16; Contested election case of Eugene C. Bonniwell against Thomas S. Butler, published on Feb. 15, 1913, reads:

"I,______, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the saints, sacred hosts of heaven, and to you my Ghostly Father, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius, in the pontification of Paul the III, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ [the Church and the Pope likened to a sexual union, the Church being "the matrix of God," the Pope possessing "the rod of Jesus Christ"], declare and swear that his Holiness , the Pope is Christ's vicegeneral 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 His Holiness by my Saviour, Jesus Christ, he hath power to dispose heretical kings, princes [and presidents], states, commonwealths, and governments that they may be safely destroyed.

Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend the doctrine and his Holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden and the now pretended authority of the Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of some now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they may be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred mother Church f Rome.

I now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant or liberal, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officials.

I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place where I should be in Switzerland, Germany, Holland or America, or in any other territory I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Masonic doctrines, and destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise [the Order cleverly using this oath of the Knights of Columbus to drive Protestants and Baptists into the arms of the Black Pope's "Invisible Empire" of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, further destroying the LORD's Grand and Glorious Protestant Reformation].

I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time as they entrust me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that should be proposed given in charge, or discovered unto me but by my Ghostly Father, or any of the sacred order.

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (Perinde ac cadaver) but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and Jesus Christ.

That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent; to the frozen regions of the north; or the burning sands of the desert of Africa or the jungles of India; to the center of civilization of Europe or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America without murmuring or repining and will be submissive in all things whatsoever is communicated to me.

I do further promise and declare, that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate and exterminate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither age, sex, nor condition, and that I will burn, hang, waste, boil, flay, strangle, bury alive, these infamous heretics, open up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race.

That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poison cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the persons whatever be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed to so do, by any agent of the Pope, or superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Faith of the Society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul and all corporeal powers, and with the dagger which I now receive, I will subscribe my name, written in my blood in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or shaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my head and my feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me by demons in eternal hell forever.

That I will in voting always vote for a Knight of Columbus in preference to a Protestant, especially a Mason, and that I will lead my party so to do, that if Catholics are on the ticket I will satisfy myself which is the better supporter of the mother Church and vote accordingly.

That I will not deal with or employ a Protestant if in my power to deal with or employ a Catholic. That I will place Catholic girls in Protestant homes of heretics.

That I will provide myself with arms and ammunition that I may be in readiness when the word is passed, or am commanded to defend the church either as an individual or with the militia of the Pope.

All of which I, _____, do swear by the blood of the trinity and the blessed Eucharist and witness the same further with my name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal, in the face of this holy sacrament.