

“ that the faithful may ultimately understand with what religious sentiment an oath should be taken in *truth*, in *judgment*, in *justice* ; and what an injury they offer to the Divine Majesty, with what an enormous crime they charge their conscience, who swear falsely, rashly, or unjustly, for whatever cause, at whatever time, and in whatever place.”

But, considering that this enormous crime of perjury, far from being held in abomination, becomes on the contrary more and more frequent, we, wanting, as much as we can, in Our Lord to put an end to so great an evil, reserve to ourselves the absolution of this crime.

Twice a year at least, but especially during the elections, until it be otherwise decreed by the Ordinary, the Pastors of souls shall, in their sermons, speak of this crime, and of this reserve, that the faithful may conceive for it a just horror, and that no one may plead ignorance thereof.

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#### DECRETUM XVIII CONCILII QUEBECENSIS QUINTI.

##### DE ELECTIONIBUS POLITICIS ET ADMINISTRATIVIS.

Renovantes decretum nonum de electionibus politicis et administrativis in nostro Concilio quarto editum, hæc addenda ducimus.

Pastores animarum illud decretum prudenter, breviter, clare et prævia matura præparatione, et dum animi quieti sunt, suis ovibus explicent antequam de electionibus faciendis agatur. Contra perjurium, violentiam, intemperantiam et corruptionem præsertim clament.

Peractis electionibus, pastores hortentur suas oves ut sibi mutuo condonent quidquid temporibus illis offensivum dictum aut factum fuerit, et simul pro bono religionis et patriæ laborent corde magno et animo volenti, nullo habito respectu ad præteritas controversias.