

TESTIMONIES IN FAVOUR OF CATHOLICITY  
FROM  
MARTIN LUTHER.

THE WORKS OF LUTHER REFERRED TO IN THESE TESTIMONIES.—Volume I. Edition of Donat Richzenhain. A.D., 1560.

LUTHER'S SUBMISSION TO THE POPE.

Most holy Father, I declare before God and His saints, that I never seriously desired to oppose the Roman Church, or to attack, in any manner whatsoever, the authority of your holiness. I explicitly confess that the power of that Church extends over all other Churches, and that nothing, either in Heaven, or on Earth, can be preferred to Her, save only our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of all things! I therefore pray your Holiness, not to believe those calumniators who speak differently of Luther.

Luther, vol. i. p. 114, a. A. D. 1518. Jena.  
p. 121, b. p. 144, a.

For these reasons, most holy Father, I cast myself at your feet, making submission of all that I possess here, or can hope for hereafter; you will dispose of me as you think fit. It is exclusively with your holiness it rests to decide for, or against my cause, and to approve or disapprove of it, to grant me life, or to deprive me of it. Whatever may be the result, I am thoroughly convinced that the voice of your holiness is that of Jesus Christ who speaks and acts by it.

Luther, vol. i. p. 58.

THAT WE ARE BOUND TO BELIEVE ALL THE  
DIVINE REVELATIONS.

It is upon this account that it is said—"We must believe all, or nothing."

The Holy Ghost does not, in any way, separate or divide Himself, that He may propose, for our belief, one thing as true, and another thing as false.

Luther, vol. viii. p. 180, a. Jena. In the year 1544.

ON THE MOST HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

We must acknowledge in the Mass a Sacrament and a Testament, which are not, and cannot be, a simple Sacrifice, no more than the other Sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Extreme Unction, &c.

Luther, vol. i. p. 333, a. Jena.

ON THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

The august and holy Sacrament of Penance, that abundant source of grace, is the only means which the divine mercy selected, to pour grace and consolation into the heart of the sinner, when the keys were given to Saint Peter, the representative of the whole Christian Church, Christ saying to him,

"Whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, shall be bound also in heaven; and, whatsoever you shall loose upon earth, shall be loosed also in heaven."

Luther, vol. i. p. 63. b. Jena.

LUTHER'S AVOWAL RELATIVE TO CONFESSION.

We most willingly admit that Penance, with the power of absolving, or, the power of the keys, is a Sacrament, because it is founded on the promise of Jesus Christ, and grants the remission of sins in His name.

Luther, vol. viii. p. 332, a. Jena. In the year 1546.

Moreover, Doctor Eek mentions in his writings that I reject and look upon contrition as useless, and, that I take from the Sacrament of Penance, satisfaction, and other important matters, all which is quite untrue, for my works prove the contrary.

In order to prevent any one from accusing me of being opposed to good works, I declare that we ought seriously to be contrite, and to go to confession, and to do good works.

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**BIRTHS RECORDED.**

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AT ST. MARY'S.

- FEB. 7.—Mrs. Elien Bresna, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Anne Grant, of a Daughter:  
 " Mrs. Margaret Morgan, of a Daughter.  
 9.—Mrs. Margaret Barry, of a Daughter.  
 " Mrs. Eliza McDonough, of a Daughter.  
 10.—Mrs. Ellen Wheeler, of a Daughter.  
 " Mrs. Mary Kible, of a Daughter.

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**MARRIAGE RECORD.**

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- JAN. 29.—Timothy Maher to Julia Staek.  
 FEB 2.—John Rigg to Louisa Harney.  
 3.—Charles Ring to Sarah Maher.  
 10.—William Walsh to Anne Fraser.

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**INTERMENTS.**

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AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- FEB. 7.—Thomas Dillon, native of Tipperary, Ireland, aged 38 years.  
 " Ann, daughter of James and Mary Jordan, aged 3 years.  
 8.—Roseana, wife of Thomas Bowes, native of Waterford, aged 39 years.  
 10.—Priscilla Susanna, daughter of Gregory and Mary Dwyer, aged 8 years and 2 months.  
 11.—James Lynch, native of Cork, aged 70 years.