

informed priest have *an intention* to do as his church requires, namely, to remove guilt by baptism; nor can he believe any infant in danger of exclusion from heaven without it, till he can believe Christ and St. Peter wrong! And as Christ never spoke a self-contradiction, then must every sensible man understand John iii. 5, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," to apply to adults who hear the gospel, and must obey it in all its parts, or perish; and not to infants or heathens, who hear it not. Otherwise understood it would involve Christ, his apostles, and the scriptures (Luke xviii. 16. Acts x. 35. Rom. ii. 10—14, 28) in instant self-contradiction. And hence evident it is, that the papal law about baptism—and indeed every thing—is priestcraft to frighten the foolish, and make them fill their coffers. Their solemn baptism of bells, in the name of the Holy Trinity, by their bishops, proves this, and is such a profanation of, and blasphemy against Christ and his ordinances, as makes every tender mind shudder.*

THE SWORN OBLIGATIONS TO UPHOLD THE PAPACY.

THE POPE'S OATH—By the councils of Basil, Constance, &c., "All popes must be obliged to *swear*, that they will uphold and enforce the faith maintained in general councils, to the least tittle, even to the shedding of their blood." "Further, that he shall depose, and deprive sovereign princes of their dominions, their dignity, and honours, for certain misdemeanors." Con. Constan. sess. 12, 17, 37, 39. Basil, sess. 34, 37, 40, 46. Pisa, sess. 14. Lyons, tom. ii. Binii, p. 646.

Bull of Gregory VIII. "On the part of the omnipotent God, I forbid Henry IV. to govern the kingdoms of Italy and Germany; I absolve his subjects from all oaths which they have taken, or may take to him: and I excommunicate

* "The bishop, calling on the *godfather and godmother of the bell*, for its name, then proceeds to baptize it, thus: *Consecratur et sanctificetur signum illud, in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Tu, hoc tintinabulum, Spiritus Sancte rore perfunde, ut ante sonitum illius semper fugiat inimicus bonorum.* 'Let this sign be consecrated and sanctified in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—Sprinkle this bell, O God, with the dew of the Holy Ghost, that at its sound the devil may ever take flight! Amen.' And then cries aloud, "This bell's name is Mary." See Sir Humphrey Lynde's *Vita Tuta*, 1631!

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