

Dictatus Papae ('Statements of the Pope'), commonly attributed to Gregory VII (1075)

Includes the following:

1. That the Roman Church was founded by God alone.
2. That the Roman pontiff [pope] alone can be called universal.
3. That he alone can depose or reinstate bishops.
8. That he alone may use the imperial insignia.
9. That all princes should kiss his feet.
12. That he may depose emperors.
18. That a [judicial] sentence passed by him may be retracted by no-one; and that he alone may retract it.
19. That he himself may be judged by no-one.
22. That the Roman Church has never erred, nor will it err till the end of time.
23. That a canonically ordained Roman pontiff is undoubtedly made a saint by the merits of St Peter.
26. He who is not at peace with the Roman Church cannot be considered a Catholic.
27. The pope may absolve subjects from their oaths of fealty to wicked men.