

SUPPLEMENT

(1-3) RISES TO POWER AFTER 476 A.D | FROM ROME | SUBDUES THREE

No one would argue that the Roman Catholic Church proceeded from Rome. After the division of Rome, the Emperor Justinian issued a decree later known as “Justinian’s Decree,” which set up and acknowledged the Bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. It gave the papacy civil power as well as ecclesiastical power. Three Arian kingdoms withstood the decree – the Heruli, the Ostrogoths, and the Vandals. Subsequently, the Roman armies attacked and “uprooted” these kingdoms, the last of which was the Ostrogoth power, defeated in 538 A.D. This paved the way for Justinian’s decree to go into effect, and Pope Vigilius ascended to the papal throne.

(4) A BLASPHEMING POWER

“God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priest, and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution... The sentence of the priest precedes, and God subscribes to it.” – St. Alphonsus Liguori, *Dignity and Duties of the Priest*, Vol. 12, p. 2.

“We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.” – Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII, p. 304.

“The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself hidden under the veil of flesh. Does the Pope speak? It is Jesus Christ who speaks.” – Archbishop of Venice prior to becoming Pope Pius X, *Catholic National*, July, 1895.

(5) A PERSECUTING POWER

“That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history... It is quite certain that no power of imagination can adequately realize their sufferings.” – *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe*, Vol. II, p. 32.

(6) ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even Divine laws...” – Translated from Lucius Ferraris *Prompta Biliotheca*, art. “Papa,” II, Vol. 5, pp. 26-9.

The Ten Commandments as printed in the Catholic Catechism deletes the second commandment regarding idol worship and moves the fourth commandment to the third, the fifth to the fourth, and so on, finally dividing the tenth commandment into two parts in order to keep the number ten.

“Like two sacred rivers flowing from paradise, the Bible and divine tradition contain the Word of God... Though these two divine streams are... of equal sacredness... still, of the two, tradition is to us the more clear and safe.” – Joseph Faa Di Bruno, *Catholic Belief*, p. 33.

(7) REIGNS FOR 1260 YEARS

Napoleon’s general Berthier captured the Pope in 1798 and had him exiled to Valence, France, where he died in captivity.

“Berthier entered Rome on the 10th of February, 1798, and proclaimed a republic.” – *The Modern Papacy*, p. 1, London: Catholic Truth Society.



