



# On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis)

*St. Robert Bellarmine S.J.*

Download now

Read Online 

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis)

*St. Robert Bellarmine S.J.*

## **On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) St. Robert Bellarmine S.J.**

For the first time in history, St. Robert Bellarmine's work, *De Romano Pontifice*, *On the Roman Pontiff*, has been translated and made available in English!

In this Theological treatise St. Robert Bellarmine takes on Protestant as well as Greek Orthodox objections to the Papacy in five books. In the first, he argues that Christ established the Primacy of Peter by means of an Ecclesiastical Monarchy, which takes up subjects as diverse as: What is the best form of government? Why it is fitting that the Church's government should be a monarchy; Exegetical Commentary on the Lord's words in Matthew 16 and John 21, along with copious Patristic testimony.

In Book 2 is whether Peter has successors in the Ecclesiastical Monarchy, wherein Bellarmine defends the Church's position on the true history of Peter; that Peter truly went to Rome; that Peter was truly a Bishop there; that upon his death he was succeeded by men in the Ecclesiastical monarchy, as well as its proof from the Fathers, then through all the refutations, Bellarmine asks what would happen if the Pope were a heretic.

In book 3, Bellarmine shows the many contradictions and faulty reasoning used by the first Protestants in arguing that the Pope is Antichrist while also giving exposition to the authentic understanding of the passages of Scripture that speak of Antichrist. After presenting the testimony of Scripture and the Fathers on the signs that must precede Antichrist, Bellarmine shows how none of this agrees with the Roman Pontiff. He also refutes the fable of "Pope Joan".

In book 4, Bellarmine argues why the Pope is infallible when he defines a doctrine on faith and morals and proceeds to defend Popes whom Protestants and others argued had erred while defining faith. He continues to a discussion of law, and why it is not contrary to the Gospel for the Pope (or a Bishop over his diocese), to make laws that bind the faithful, refuting the teaching of John Calvin.

In book 5, Bellarmine takes up the question of the Popes' power in civil affairs. Protestants had argued that the Pope tyrannously usurped the rights of sovereigns and that they meant to rule the world directly in civil affairs, while some canonists overly attached to a more medieval view were of a similar persuasion on the positive side. He then proceeds to demonstrate that the Pope's temporal power is indirect and that he can intervene for the sake of the faith when excommunicating sovereigns, but not for political reasons. The protestants argued that a Bishop could not be a temporal prince and Bishop at the same time, which Bellarmine soundly refutes from Scripture and Tradition.

This first ever English translation also has many historical notes on terms, persons, Greek and Latin syntax and other things to aid the reader. The value of the work is not merely apologetic—Bellarmine's treatise also laid down insights into Catholic teaching that were foundational not only for later Theologians but even for Vatican I.

 [Download On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books \(De Controversiis\) ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books \(De Controversiis ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) St. Robert Bellarmine S.J.**

---

## **Download and Read Free Online On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) St. Robert Bellarmine S.J.**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **George Valentine:**

Why don't make it to become your habit? Right now, try to prepare your time to do the important work, like looking for your favorite guide and reading a publication. Beside you can solve your problem; you can add your knowledge by the e-book entitled On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis). Try to stumble through book On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) as your pal. It means that it can to get your friend when you sense alone and beside that course make you smarter than in the past. Yeah, it is very fortunated in your case. The book makes you a lot more confidence because you can know everything by the book. So , let us make new experience along with knowledge with this book.

#### **Veronica Mei:**

In other case, little individuals like to read book On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis). You can choose the best book if you'd prefer reading a book. So long as we know about how is important the book On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis). You can add understanding and of course you can around the world by way of a book. Absolutely right, mainly because from book you can know everything! From your country until foreign or abroad you will end up known. About simple matter until wonderful thing you may know that. In this era, we can open a book or maybe searching by internet gadget. It is called e-book. You need to use it when you feel uninterested to go to the library. Let's learn.

#### **Tammy Booker:**

This On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) is brand new way for you who has attention to look for some information given it relief your hunger of information. Getting deeper you on it getting knowledge more you know or perhaps you who still having bit of digest in reading this On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) can be the light food in your case because the information inside this particular book is easy to get by simply anyone. These books create itself in the form which can be reachable by anyone, that's why I mean in the e-book contact form. People who think that in book form make them feel tired even dizzy this guide is the answer. So you cannot find any in reading a publication especially this one. You can find actually looking for. It should be here for an individual. So , don't miss the idea! Just read this e-book kind for your better life along with knowledge.

#### **Bernie Watts:**

Guide is one of source of knowledge. We can add our knowledge from it. Not only for students but also native or citizen need book to know the revise information of year to year. As we know those guides have many advantages. Beside many of us add our knowledge, can also bring us to around the world. From the book On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) we can have more advantage. Don't you to definitely be creative people? To become creative person must prefer to read a book. Simply choose the best book that appropriate with your aim. Don't be doubt to change your life with that book On the Roman

Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis). You can more inviting than now.

**Download and Read Online On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books  
(De Controversiis) St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. #SUD75F42IZM**

## **Read On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. for online ebook**

On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. books to read online.

### **Online On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. ebook PDF download**

**On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. Doc**

**On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. Mobipocket**

**On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. EPub**

**On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. Ebook online**

**On the Roman Pontiff: In Five Books (De Controversiis) by St. Robert Bellarmine S.J. Ebook PDF**