

The Augsburg Confession of 1530

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- ❖ “The laity are given both kinds in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper because this practice has the Lord’s command, “Drink of it, all of you” (Matthew 26:27). Christ has clearly commanded that all should drink from the cup.”

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❖ ...“And lest anyone misleadingly say that this refers only to priests, in 1 Corinthians 11:27 Paul cites an example. From this it appears that the whole congregation used both kinds....”



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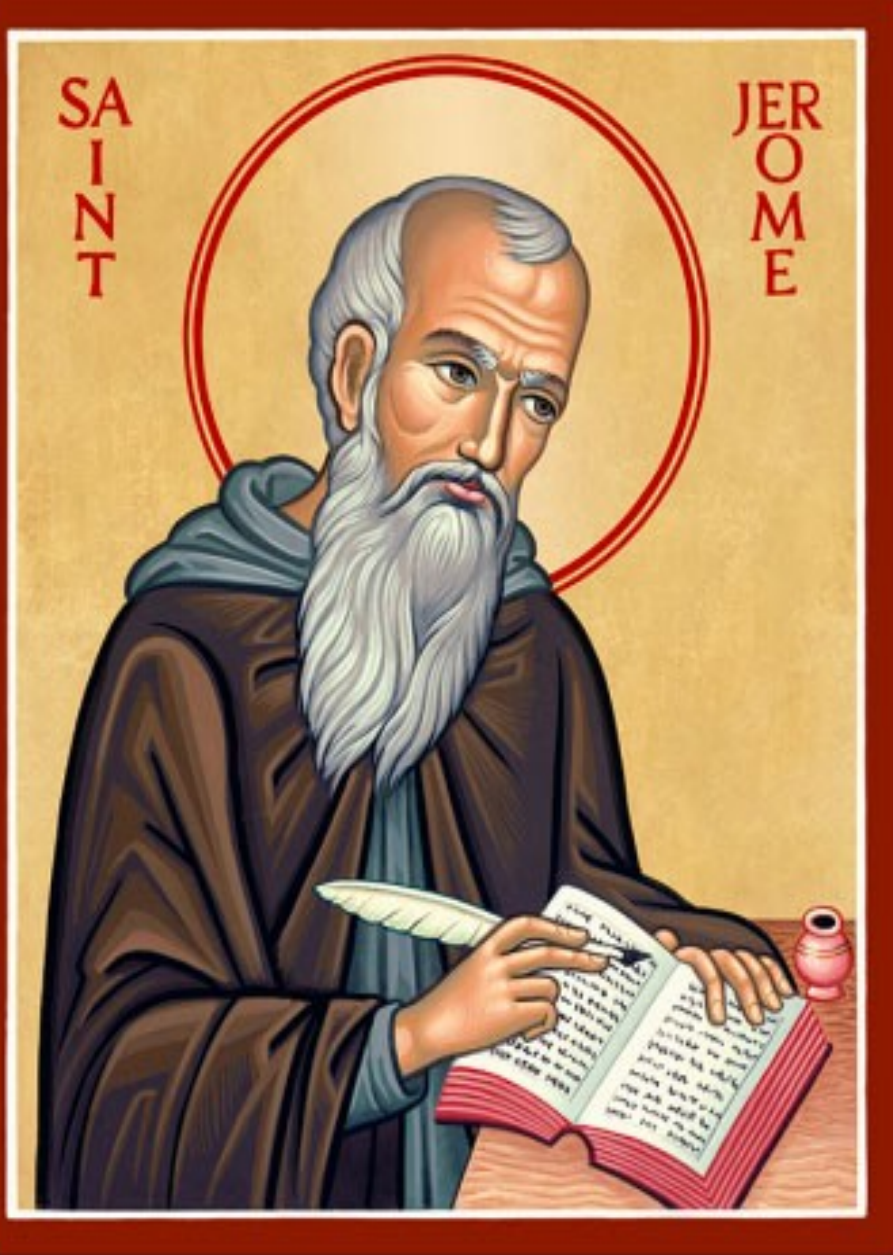
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❖ ... “This practice has remained in the Church for a long time. It is not known when, or by whom, or by whose authority, it was changed. Cardinal Cusanus (Nicholas of Cusa, c. 1400-1464) mentions the time when it was approved....”

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❖ ...“Cyprian (St. Cyprian of Carthage, Africa; c. 250) in some places testifies that the blood was given to the people....”





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❖ ... “Jerome (374-420) testifies to the same thing when he says, “The priests administer the Eucharist and distribute the blood of Christ to the people....”

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❖ ...“Indeed, Pope Gelasius (l: 492-496) commands that the Sacrament not be divided (dist. II., De Consecratione, cap. Comperimus). Only a recent custom has changed this....”



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❖ ... “It is clear that any custom introduced against God’s commandments is not to be allowed, as Church law bears witness (dist. III., cap. Veritate, and the following chapters). This custom has been received, not only against the Scripture, but also against old canon law and the example of the Church....”

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- ❖ ... “Therefore, if anyone preferred to use both kinds in the Sacrament, they should not have been compelled to do otherwise, as an offense against their conscience. 12 Because the division of the Sacrament does not agree with the ordinance of Christ, it is our custom to omit the proceSSION [with the host], which has been used before....”