

**CATHOLIC CHURCH. ARCHDIOCESE OF MAINZ  
(GERMANY). ARCHBISHOP (1515-1545: ALBERT).**

**Albertus Dei et Apostolice Sedis gratia  
Maguntinen[is] [sic] et Magdeburgen[is]  
Archiepiscop[us] ac Halberstaten[is] ecclesiar[um]  
Administrator, Germanie Primas ... Indulgence, 1515**

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- Creator:** Catholic Church. Archdiocese of Mainz (Germany). Archbishop (1515-1545: Albert).
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- Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 085
- Extent:** 1 item (30.2 cm x 20.2 cm)
- Abstract:** Indulgence for priests and other clergy issued at the instance of Johann Tetzel to support the rebuilding of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.
- Language:** Materials entirely in Latin.

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### **Scope and Content Note**

Indulgences were issued to defray the cost of building the basilica of St. Peter in Rome. Their distribution was often linked to the sacrament of penance, as believers were granted spiritual merits in exchange for financial donations. This particular indulgence, believed to be the only specimen of its kind thus far recovered, was issued specifically to clergy, granting them liturgical benefits in exchange for their contributions. The printing of this indulgence was probably ordered by Johann Tetzel himself and carried out by Melchior Lotter, the Elder, who was also to print an edition of Luther's ninety-five theses.

This is the only copy of this edition of this indulgence recovered. J. Tetzel was responsible for the printing of 11 indulgences, issued in 15 editions. This copy was found within a book binding dated 1530, serving as an end paper, by the German bibliographer and Reformation scholar Fritz Beyer in 1937.

### **References**

Beyer, Fritz, "Gedruckte Ablassbriefe und sonstige mit Ablässen in Zusammenhang stehende Druckwerke des Mittelalters." *Gutenberg-Jahrbuch* (1937), p. 43-54.

Volz, H. "Der St. Peters Ablass und dos deutsche Druckgewerke." *Gutenberg-Jahrbuch* (1966), p. 156-172.

## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Indulgence <a href="#">View the indulgence</a>
1	2	Joseph W. Goering, Translation and Transcription of the Indulgence <a href="#">View Translation and Transcription</a>
1	2	Scott Hendrix, Introduction to Indulgences <a href="#">View Introduction</a>

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