

in the attempted murder of William; they also said that he had broken the Seal of the Confessional during the course of the trial. Most historians accepted the falsified accounts of the trial as true until recently, when Father de Meyer, O.P., discovered the original accounts of the trial.

The original documents of the trial show that the Dominican confessor did not violate the secrecy of the Sacrament of Penance, but that the judge, because he was anxious to win favor with William, Prince of Orange, and the Calvinists of Antwerp, speedily condemned him to death. The calumnies are clearly shown to be interpolations. The heroic son of Saint Dominic preserved secrecy concerning all that had transpired between his penitent and himself, the ambassador of God. He desired to suffer death rather than violate the sacred Seal of Confession. Father De Meyer's work clears the name of the Dominican confessor, showing that Father Temmerman may be considered a martyr.

The head of Father Temmerman is religiously preserved in the Dominican convent in Antwerp. The Catholics of Antwerp have always considered him a martyr and have privately venerated his remains. The prayers of all are asked that the cause of this glorious defender of the Sacramental Seal may soon be introduced for Beatification.

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### AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM

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Mother of my Lord and me, guard me well through life  
Lest on the highway to eternity  
My weakness prove too great to bear the strife.

Lady full of grace and love, take my hand in thine  
And through thy guidance from above  
Let not my soul from virtue's path decline.

Mary ever virgin, purest maid, above all creatures blest  
Oh keep thou ever watchful care of me  
Until my Lord shall call me home to rest.

—Anselm Vitie, O.P.