

LEO I., Papst (um 400-461).

Opera, quae quidem haberi potuerunt, omnia, magno studio ad manuscriptorum codicum fidem permultis, iisq[ue] foedis mendis nunc demum repurgata. His adiunximus D. Leonis IX. aequae Romani Pontificis eruditas aliquot lucubrationes, nunquam antehac typis excusae. Cum indice novo ac copioso. [Hrsg. von Laurentius Surius].

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Köln, Johannes Birckmann d. J., 1561. Kl.-Folio (283 x 180 mm). Holzschnitt-Wappen von Johannes IV. von Hoya auf Titel verso, Holzschnitt-Druckermarke auf Titel und Schlussblatt verso sowie vielen figurativen Holzschnitt-Initialen. [8], 194 Bl. Halbkalbslederband des späten 19. Jhs. über 4 erhabenen Bündeln, mit Rückenvergoldung und goldgeprägtem Rückentitel, marmorierte Vorsätze, blauer Schnitt.

Comment: Finely printed Cologne edition of the sermons and epistles of Pope Leo I., the Great, edited by the Lübeck born Hagiologist Laurentius Surius (1522-1578). Leo's pontificate, next to that of St. Gregory I, is the most significant and important in Christian antiquity. At a time when the Church was experiencing the greatest obstacles to her progress in consequence of the hastening disintegration of the Western Empire, while the Orient was profoundly agitated over dogmatic controversies, this great pope, with far-seeing sagacity and powerful hand, guided the destiny of the Roman and Universal Church. In several sermons Leo emphatically warned the Christians of Rome to be on their guard against this reprehensible heresy, and repeatedly charged them to give information about its followers, their dwellings, acquaintances, and rendezvous. Of his letters, which are of great importance for church history, 143 have come down to us: we also possess thirty which were sent to him. Leo was buried as the first pope in the church of St. Peter. In 688 Pope Sergius had his remains transferred to the basilica itself, and a special altar erected over them. They rest to-day in St. Peter's, beneath the altar specially dedicated to St. Leo. In 1754 Benedict XIV exalted him to the dignity of Doctor of the Church (doctor ecclesiae). - Ms. name, dated 1841 on first fly-leaf; with only few marginalia by an old hand, slightly browned throughout and some minor foxing. - Late 19th century half calf, back on four raised bands, spine gilt with label.

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