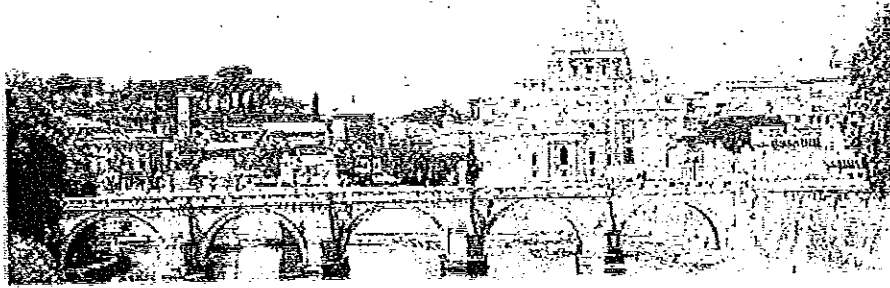


Tetzel's Response

Johann Tetzel was a Dominican Monk that was in charge of selling indulgences in Germany where Martin Luther taught and preached. Half of the profits from the indulgences were to be sent to Rome to help fund the building of St. Peter's Basilica, one of the greatest monuments built to honor God and the Catholic Church. It was obviously, a large and important undertaking, and probably a good cause in the eyes of many Catholics.



You are Johann Tetzel and his staff, and you have just read Luther's list of complaints. Needless to say you have some thoughts on the matter. Together you will come up with a written response to Luther's statements. You may respond with kind words and understanding, or you may verbally go to war with Luther. The choice is yours. How do you think Tetzel felt about Luther's verbal attacks on the idea of selling indulgences? Do you think he cared deeply or do you think that he felt like the pope, that Luther was a drunk who would change his opinions as soon as he sobered up?