

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE A
MOTIVE OF GRATITUDE

It is our interest as well as duty to be grateful to God. The grace of conversion which this sacramental power communicates to souls is entirely, gratuitous; and to persevere in it we must undoubtedly have a continuation of the merciful bounty of God. For it is not to be gained that, unless God, who healed us continue to support us, we will fall back into our former unhappy state. Now by the best way to insure this latter support is to keep up a constant grateful remembrance of the favours received, by thanking, glorifying and praising our divine Benefactor. Our heart thus gratified will send down the soul a continual profusion of blessings. Every act of praise and thanksgiving that goes up to God from such a heart, is not accepted as part payment of the debt Him, but also merits and

"There is a great need to da-
a well-instructed and better infor-
Catholic laity," says a writer in
Anthony's assessment. "This
lay, the laity. To this class
be applied in a broadened sense
words of our Lord, 'You are the
of the earth, you are the light of
world.' The Catholic Church has
battle to fight—a terrific and ter-
battle against ignorance, error
prejudice, and it is you of the C-
olic laity who are on the firing
it is you who meet the foe face
face and consequently it is you
must have a thorough knowledge
Catholic teaching if Christ's Church
and your Church is to win the bat-

I first prayed to Mary in this way: "If you can help me, obtain such succor for me! It is a sore challenge to the Mother of Christ. The first thing I asked of her seemed well-nigh impossible; my health was flagging when I obtained a very definite answer to my prayers.

The Real Presence was the stumbling block. No, no, no, I

Not long ago I read in a daily paper that some one said in my Ritualistic churches all that remained to be done in order to cross the line to the Roman Church was to kiss the Pope's sandal. When some day Episcopians grow weary of their shams of difference, the constant varying among themselves and elect to have an Episcopal pope—possibly called by some of the title? Such a thing is possible, not entirely improbable. I wonder where the contested point would then lie? Perhaps, merely in the fashionableness of believing in

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