

or *Chief Pastors of the Church alone confirmed, sealed and anointed the Baptized.* And, further, it is equally easy of proof, that for the first fifteen hundred years after Christ no *true* branch of His Church can be found in which Confirmation was administered by either *Priests*, or *Deacons*, but by the *Bishop* alone.

Q. After Confirmation, will you not in a more especial manner be bound to continue unto your life's end a faithful servant of Christ and a consistent member of His Church?

A. I certainly shall be most firmly and solemnly bound so to do.

Q. Of what particular sin would you be guilty, if, after you had been confirmed, you separated yourself from the *Church*, and joined any of the opposing *sects* and *denominations* which unhappily abound?

A. I should be guilty of the *great sin* of schism.

Q. What is schism?

A. It is rending the seamless garment of Christ—the Church; and making a division in that Body, for the *unity* of which, its great, ever-living Head, while here on earth, prayed most fervently, and laboured most earnestly.

Q. What do the Holy Scriptures teach us concerning the *sin* of schism or division?

A. In his Epistle to the Galatians, fifth chapter, nineteenth and twentieth verses, St. Paul uses this emphatic language, “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these—hatred, *variance*, emulations, wrath, *strife*, *seditions*, heresies, *envy*—