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So salutary a discipline established by the Apostles, confirmed by the Councils, and constantly maintained in the Catholic church, is not to be abandoned in this Diocess without the special permission of the Bishop.

Apostates who have abandoned their religion are not to be received until they shall have given satisfactory and substantial proofs of their sincere repentance, and of their firm determination to adhere to the faith in future We enjoin and order all our clergy who have the charge of a congregation, to keep a register, in which the names of every person converted to the faith, baptized, confirmed, married, and demised, be inserted : that this register be carefully kept in the church or at the residence of the missionary, if there be no church, and that an abstract from it be annually forwarded to us where we order it to be sent.

We recommend that an obituary be kept in every congregation from whence the names of the deceased during the current year, of the benefactors of the missions and of the Parish Church, and of the demised Priests of the Diocess, be read from the altar on the Sundays and on the great festivals of the year.

We order that every Priest having the charge of a congregation or mission, shall have a book in which the outlays on the church, the pews, the manse, &c. &c. shall be posted on the debtor side of the leaf. and the pew rents, collections made in the church. of all sorts. casualties. &c. shall be posted on the credit side; the monies thus collected shall be kept in a strong box, of which there shall be three locks and three keys, one of the keys to be kept by the Priest, and the two others by two of the Elders. and no money taken out of this box but by the joint orders of the Priest and Elders.

Section 3d.

ON THE MORAL CONDUCT OF THE CLERGY.

The history of the church of Christ since its first establishment, as well as daily experience, proves that the