

word, it is the truth, from the day that you have sworn, when you were ordained a priest, to interpret the Holy Scriptures, only according to the unanimous consent of the Holy Fathers, you have seldom preached on a text of the Scriptures without being guilty of perjury.

For, after studying the Holy Fathers, with some attention, I am ready to prove to you that the Holy Fathers have been unanimous, almost in only one thing, which was to differ on almost every text of the Scriptures on which they have written.

For instance, you cannot say that the books of the Maccabees are inspired, without perjuring yourself with all the priests. For the greater part of the Holy Fathers tell you that those books are not inspired. You cannot, without perjuring yourself, say that when Christ said to Peter, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church," it signified that Peter was meant by that rock, and that he is the corner-stone of the church. For you know