

Sublime words, uttered through no affected modesty! They were the faithful echo of the sentiments that disturbed his inmost soul. The new Shepherd was to base the imperishable monument of his many works upon the solid foundations of true humility. He found in his confidence in God a powerful counterweight for his extreme diffidence of self, and his implicit trust was certain to render all his undertakings fruitful. Another extract from the letter quoted above, proves again that he does not intend to remain inactive. He writes as follows: «Oh! how overwhelming is the thought of our charge. We implore you, our very dear Brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to lighten it by your obedience to the Church, by your fervor in the holy practices of religion, by your respect towards your pastors; in fine, by your horror of vice and your fidelity to all your religious practices. This is the only reward we ask of you in return for the trials and labors to which we intend to subject ourself for the love of you. Indeed, if there is one thing here below that can console us in the midst of our tribulations, it will be to see all of you, whom we love in Jesus Christ, walking in the paths of righteousness. Ardently do we desire to be enabled to present you at the last day, pure and without stain, before the tribunal