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VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD.



OUR Divine Saviour, more than once compares His Church to a vast fold wherein there are sheep and shepherds, and where the shepherds tend and watch the sheep. So long as there are vigilant shepherds, there is little danger of any of the flock being lost; for a good shepherd will always go in search of the lost sheep. He will leave the ninety-

nine in the mountains, and go to seek that which is astray. But if there is no shepherd, there is danger that the strayed one may be caught in the shrubbery and perish.

Christ himself was the great Good Shepherd. Those who take His place here on earth are His priests and pastors, and are modelled after the great Prototype. They continue His work near the little ones; and it is a part of the Divine economy that His flocks should never be without their guiding voice.