

partly from sordid avarice, which induces parents to allow their children, at the hazard of soul and body, to engage, while yet young and ignorant, in the destructive and demoralizing lumber business, where they associate with the most abandoned and flagitious part of the population, both of the Canadas and the United States; and in this School of iniquity they soon become adepts in every species of wickedness and immorality.

As the most effectual means of arresting the progress of this pestilential and fatal national evil, we implore our Clergy to pay the greatest possible attention to the early instruction of the youth of their respective flocks, and to exert their authority with parents to cause their children to come to the Sacraments of penance and the holy Eucharist, as soon as they arrive to the knowledge of good and evil, and are sufficiently instructed in the christian doctrine.

The laudable and truly Catholic custom so generally and so beneficially practised in the sister Province, of dedicating, after the Easter communion of the adults is finished, some weeks exclusively to the instruction of the youth of each parish, and preparing them for their first communion, cannot be too strongly recommended to the Clergy of this Diocess; and we most earnestly enjoin them to follow so praise-worthy an example.

OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

"Amen! amen! I say unto you, except you eat the flesh
"of the son of man, and drink his blood, you shall not have
"life in you. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my
"blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the
"last day."—St. John, 6 c. 51, 55 v.

As we cannot, therefore, according to this declaration of the Son of God, expect to have life in us, or be raised up on the last day with the just, unless we accept of the sacred pledge which he has given of his love for us, by eating of his body and drinking of his blood, which he declares to be meat indeed, and drink indeed, the Catholic Church, like a tender and affectionate mother, solicitous for the salvation of her children, commands that they should partake of this heavenly food, at least, once a year, and

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