

come, or to grant a license to commit sin, would be impossible—and to attempt it would be a most heinous crime.

Q. Why does the church grant indulgences ?

A. To assist our weakness, and to supply our insufficiency in satisfying the Divine Justice, for our transgressions.

Q. When the church grants indulgences, what does it offer to God to supply our weakness and insufficiency ; and in satisfaction of our sins ?

A. The merits of Christ, which are infinite, and super abundant ; together with the virtues and good works of his Virgin Mother, and of all his saints.

Q. What conditions are generally necessary to gain indulgences ?

A. A good confession and communion and a faithful compliance with the other good works which the church requires on such occasions.

Q. What are the other good works which the church usually prescribes, in order to gain indulgences ?

A. Prayer, fasting, and alms-deeds ; which good works, besides confession and communion, indulgences promote ; and on this account also they are *most useful to christian people.*

#### LESSON XXIX.

*On Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.*

Q. What is Extreme Unction ?

A. A Sacrament which gives grace to die well ; and is instituted chiefly for the spiritual strength and comfort of dying persons.

Q. Is Extreme Unction given to all persons in danger of death ?

A. No ; only to such as are in danger of death by sickness.