

If we have drawn out this Pastoral to so great a length, the vital importance of the subject treated must plead our justification. We have endeavored to point out the importance of Catholic education, and the dangers that result from an unchristian education. We have shown that the education imparted in the common schools of Ontario cannot be religious, for the simple reason that it cannot, in justice to all sects, be denominational. We have pointed out the duty of our clergy and of our Catholic parents on this subject, and we earnestly exhort them to be faithful to it. To insure the efficient working of our separate school system:—We, having invoked the holy name of God, deem it our duty to ordain as follows:—

ART. I.—No Catholic parent, living within the legal limits of a separate school, shall send his children to mixed or common schools, they being adjudged by the Canadian hierarchy as dangerous to faith and morals. Should any Catholic parent unfortunately persist in violating this ordinance, he shall be refused the holy Sacraments until such time as he shall consent to obey the Church in this matter.

ART. II.—Every Catholic rate-payer living within the legal limits of a separate school, shall pay his school taxes to said school under a penalty of being refused the holy Sacraments. If for grave and special reasons, exemptions should be claimed from these ordinances, let the pastor, and, if necessary, the Bishop be consulted, and their directions followed:

We hereby renew the following wise ordinances of our predecessor:—

ART. I.—In every school section whose trustees are Catholics, no other than a practical Catholic shall be chosen to fulfil the duties of a teacher, whether male or female.

ART. II.—The school trustees are to consult their respective Pastors, in regard to the appointment or dismissal of the said teachers, as well as in all that concerns the general good of the Parochial Schools.