

As Catholics we have a duty of service to our Faith and to our Church, which is the custodian of our Religion. That duty implies our active association and co-operation with one or more of the activities endorsed by our Spiritual Guides.

Among these activities Charity takes the first place. Under Charity comes our duty to our neighbor. It may be for his material welfare or for his spiritual advancement.

As the saving of a soul is the highest of all charities, it is worthy of our greatest effort. The most effective way that the laity may assist themselves and others in practising this noble charity, is to join in the work of the Catholic Truth Society, which keeps before it the primary desire of the Popes - "The Progress of the Faith" which is always included when the faithful pray for the intention of our Holy Father.

The Catholic Truth Society - this salient example of invaluable but poorly supported effort - is, apart from the pulpit, our most direct means of propagating the faith amongst our non-Catholic brethren. Its chief means of doing so is the pamphlet, containing short, clear, logical explanations of Catholic doctrine, elucidation of points of controversy, application of ethics to current questions, lives of the best exemplars of Catholic principle, episodes in the long story of Church history - all that is needed, in fact, to make the Faith known to outsiders and in. One would think that this apostolic work would number its active supporters by tens of thousands, and that there would be no church or chapel or Catholic centre of any kind but would form a nucleus of distribution for the Society's publications. But there are alas, scores of centres that make no use of them, and out of the 3,500,000 Catholics of Canada hardly one in a thousand pays the Society's modest annual subscription of \$5.00. Consequently, admirable as the work is, it has not reached anything like its due development. Were its membership multiplied only by ten, its output might be enormously increased and the pamphlet occupy its place as its most effective weapon.

For many reasons the bound book does not meet the great and extensive need for explanation of the teaching and practices