

is qualified by science and ecclesiastical training, for the efficient discharge of the high and holy duties of the Sacred Ministry. This one fact serves to show that a very large expenditure of money must necessarily be incurred in the education of young men for the holy ministry in this diocese.

All who have at heart the good of our holy religion; all who desire the solid establishment of the holy Church of God in this free and happy country; all who value the salvation of immortal souls purchased by the precious blood of our Redeemer, will not hesitate to give largely of their worldly means to enable the Archbishop to educate a holy and efficient priesthood for this large and growing diocese.

Local improvements, such as the building of churches, presbyteries, etc., are no reasons why the priest and people of each mission should not do their utmost to promote this sacred cause, and to do their duty by the Archbishop and the diocesan institutions.

Our Fathers in the faith in Europe felt the pressure on their consciences of the great duty of helping to educate the priesthood; and hence they founded and endowed great and renowned Seminaries, in which young aspirants to the holy ministry have been trained in learning and piety. Our Irish forefathers, even in the midst of the persecutions of the penal times, out of the scanty means spared them by wholesale confiscations, founded and endowed on the continent of Europe renowned Seminaries, which are still flourishing, and which for several centuries failed not to send forth holy missionaries of the cross to preach the Gospel of Christ to their persecuted countrymen at home, to administer to them the consolations of our holy religion, and to keep the sacred fire of Catholic faith burning through long ages of darkness and storm, until the advent of these better and more peaceful times, when the light of our holy faith has expanded into the calm splendors of a perfect day.