

He, with anxious solicitude marks their decrease, their increase, their wants and their progress; and in virtue of His Apostolic authority, guides, directs, chides, encourages and supplies their wants. The command of Christ to St. Peter was "feed my lambs, feed my sheep." This Peter performs in his Successors; and performs the office with the promise of never feeding them with false doctrines. Christ prayed for Peter especially, that his faith should not fail, and on account of that never-failing faith, Peter converted should confirm his brethren in that faith, in as much as, their faith might fail, as Christ did not pray for their faith. as he did for Peter's. Thus, the wiles of the demon who sought to destroy the Church