

vocation for the priesthood. He took the ecclesiastical habit and entered the seminary of his native diocese before he had completed his fifteenth year. Seeing the ex-

Jesuit fathers at the Gregorian University. At this time the Popes were temporal sovereigns, and nowhere was their beneficent influence so perceptibly felt as at the



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traordinary talents of the young man, his superiors sent him to Rome to pursue his theological studies under the direction of the

Gregorian University. At this period the University was an ideal centre of Catholic education. It merited the appellation of Univer-