

but by hedging their liberty with iron rules? Will not this explain why she takes such care of the training of her little ones; why she will not leave to secular, neutral or irreligious governments the moulding of their minds and hearts; in a word, why she is so rigid in her discipline? The Church is convinced that she alone can promote true spiritual progress, and in that field she will not brook opposition or listen to compromise.

As a consequence, also, of this stand taken by the Church, she is, in the merely ethical or social sphere, the champion of men and their interests. History shows us that never for an instant has the Church ceased to work for the worldly well-being and advancement of her children. "It is remarkable," says Montesquieu, "that the Christian religion not merely aims at compassing man's felicity in the other life, but his happiness in this world as well." She could hardly do otherwise, for the Church is the great school of justice and charity, the foundation-stone of all ethical and social well-being.

All she asks from those who owe her allegiance, is that, while advancing materially, intellectually, morally, socially, they safeguard the interests of their immortal souls. In true progress, as the Church understands it, virtue should never be subordinate to wealth, faith to science, nor the interests of heaven to those of earth.

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#### Daily prayer during this month.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prayers, good works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins, and according to all the intentions for which thou sacrificest Thyself continually on the altar. I offer them, in particular, that true progress may flourish among men for their greater good.