

sees wandering outside the fold of the Lord. It is in order to prepare them to receive those luminous and incontestable truths which he will propose after this magnificent preamble. For, as you are just going to see, he declares that there can only be one true Church of Jesus Christ : that this Church has been built upon Peter, who is like an immovable rock by the immutable stability of her teaching ; that she is infallible, because her divine founder has promised to be with her until the end of the world : that those who wish can always recognise her, because she has striking and visible marks which distinguish her from other Churches, being *One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic*. This is what you are going to see, D. L. B., whilst listening to the following words :

“ For this reason, buoyed up by this hope, incited and urged on by the charity of Our Lord Jesus Christ who gave his life for the salvation of the whole human race, we cannot help, on the occasion of the future Council, addressing Our Apostolic and paternal words to all those who recognizing the same Jesus Christ for their Redeemer, and glorying in the name of Christian, do not however, profess the true faith of Jesus Christ and do not follow the Communion of the Catholic Church. And We do this, in order to warn them, to conjure them and to beg of them, with all the ardor of Our zeal and in all charity, to consider well and to examine seriously if they follow the way traced out by the same Jesus Christ Our Lord, and which leads to eternal salvation. No one can deny, or call in doubt, that Jesus Christ himself, in order to apply the fruits of his Redemption to all human generations, has built upon Peter, in this world, his unique Church, that is to say, the *One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church*, and that he gave to him all the power necessary that the deposit of faith might be preserved inviolate and intact ; and that the same faith was taught to all peoples, to all races and to all nations, in order that all men might, through baptism, become members of his mystical body ; and that in them might always be preserved and perfected this new life of grace, without which no one can ever merit and obtain life everlasting ; finally, that this same Church, which constitutes his mystical body, might ever remain stable and immovable in its own nature until the consummation of ages ; that she might