

clergy; and the priests who are the most noted for their zeal have always felt the necessity of safeguards from the dangers which everywhere surrounded them. (1.)

7. At length, in the seventeenth century, Bartholomew Holzhauser was raised up by God to render the idea of this union more and more practical, by establishing a form of association accessible always, in all places and to all priests whatever be the nature of their ministry. (2.)

8. The **apostolic Union** is nothing else than a continuation of these sacerdotal labors put in harmony with the situation of the secular clergy of our times. (3.)

### CHAPTER III.

#### OBJECT OF THE APOSTOLIC UNION.

9. The object of the **apostolic Union** is clear from the following lines borrowed from the author of the Life of Holzhauser: "The essential in Holzhauser's idea is to beget a closer and holier union among priests; to offer to secular priests remaining

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(1) Ibid.

(2) Vie du Vénérable serviteur de Dieu, Barthélemy Holzhauser, par M. Gaduel, in-12, Paris, Lecoffre.

(3) V. La Vie commune et les Associations sacerdotales, par M. Lebeurier, imp., St. Paul, 51, r. de Lille, Paris, 1 fr.