

In this little book you will find also a short Catechism, by way of questions and answers, which contains all those great truths of your religion which it is most necessary for your salvation to know, and by means of which you will be able to instruct your children and your domestics in the same necessary doctrines. Here also are contained very plain and ample instructions on every part of the Sacrament of Penance, like those you heard in the Mission, and moreover a little treatise on General Confession, with a full and exact examination of Conscience.

But, after all, dear Christian, of what use to you will the Mission be, and all the sermons and instructions you heard, and even that good confession which you then made so earnestly and carefully, if, by falling back again into your former sins, you expose yourself anew to everlasting damnation? It is not enough, therefore, to return to God by sincere penance, but you must also endeavor for the future to continue in this happy state, and to practise a holy life. In this respect, again, the Mission Book will prove to be of great value to you. It will serve as your guide to a truly devout and Christian life, for besides the rules it gives for passing every day in a holy manner, it contains the best and most necessary instructions on the Duties of Particular States of life, so that you may know how to order your whole life in such a way as to secure the salvation of your soul,