

" thus by the exercise of this noble act of charity, to be
 " grateful for the privileged grace, by which God has
 " deigned to call them to the admirable light of faith."

Replying to the wishes of the supreme head of the church more than 120 BISHOPS have published Pastoral letters in favor of the *Holy Childhood*, recommending it in the strongest terms.

" The *Propagation of the Faith*, and the *Holy Childhood*," says a *Bishop of America*, "are two works that naturally lend each other the hand for the good of humanity."

" The rapidity with which they are established in all countries, proves that everywhere their excellence is understood."

" This Association so prosperous to day," says another, "is one of those works blessed by Heaven, with which the Holy Ghost has inspired the earth, for the salvation of a great number of souls. Indeed by means of a copper given in charity, each month, by children, the missions of part of *Asia*, can take care of, baptize, and educate hundreds of poor children, who, without them, would die in paganism, victims of the cruelty of their inhuman parents."

" In forming children to the exercise of corporal and spiritual charity," adds another, "the *Holy Childhood* associates them in the regeneration of infidels; it finds protectors for them in the little angels for whom their charity and prayers opened the gates of heaven, and it prepares them to become one day zealous members of the beautiful work of the *Propagation of the Faith* of which it is the *auxiliary and the complement*. And for