

established for the better government of his church, and maintaining of unity, was not to die with Peter, no more than the church, which he promised should stand for ever. For how can any christian imagine, that Christ should appoint a head for the government of his church and maintaining of unity during the apostles' time, and design another kind of government for succeeding ages, when there was like to be so much more need of a head? Therefore we must grant that St. Peter's supremacy was by succession to descend to somebody: now I would willingly know who has so fair a title to this succession as the bishop of Rome.

**Q.** Why do you call the Roman church the mother and mistress of churches?

**A.** Because as we have already seen, her bishop is St. Peter's successor and Christ's vicar upon earth; and consequently the father and pastor of all the faithful: and therefore this church, as being St. Peter's see, is the mother and mistress of all churches.

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## CONCLUSION.

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**Q.** Have you any thing more to add in confirmation of all these Tenets contained in your profession of faith?

**A.** I shall add no more than this, that having already proved in the first chapter, that the church in communion with Rome is the true and only church of Christ, and consequently her councils and pastors the guides of divine appointment, which Christ has established to be our conductors in the way to a happy eternity; it follows that we should without further hesitation believe and profess what this church and her pastors believe and profess; and condemn and reject, what they condemn and reject: assuring ourselves, that by doing this we shall be secure, since we shall follow those guides which Christ himself has appointed, with whom he has promised to abide to the end of the world.

**Q.** Why do you in your profession of faith, make a