

however unworthy and inadequate to so important a charge, Bishop thereof; all the Priests of the Province are consequently subject to us, bound to obey our orders, and follow our instructions; and no Priest is to exercise any part of the sacred ministry before he be approved of and licensed by us.

We have also received from the holy See extensive and enlarged spiritual faculties, not only for ourselves, but, likewise, with a power to delegate such of those as we may judge expedient, to certain individuals of our Clergy in whose knowledge, prudence, and piety, we have reason to repose entire confidence. Every Clergyman shall receive from us faculties in writing, according to his situation and circumstances, and no Clergyman is to exceed those granted to him under pain of suspension *ipso facto*; but whenever they require an extension of their faculties, they are to apply to us, or to our coadjutor, or to our Vicars General.

Should any misunderstanding or controversy arise in matters of faith or discipline between individuals of our Clergy, and that they cannot settle this among themselves, they are strictly enjoined to refer the matter in dispute to us, and if they do not choose to acquiesce to our decision, recourse must be had to higher authority, whose judgment they must await in peace and charity towards each other.

It being according to the canons of the Council of Trent, the peculiar duty of the Bishop to receive the solemn vows of virgins who wish to consecrate themselves in a religious state to the service of God, no Priest shall presume to receive such vows without special authority from us.

Section 2d.

ON THE DUTY OF THE PASTORS OF THE CHURCH:

It has always been the constant practice of the Catholic Church, a practice from which we must not deviate, that to whatever station a pastor is appointed by his Bishop, the flock placed under his charge should be ruled and governed by him alone. This has been strongly and repeatedly recommended to all Bishops by the congregation