

**Q.** What is the canonization of a saint?

**A.** It is a solemn and definitive decision by which the sovereign pontiff ranks a person in the number of the saints, and authorizes honors to be paid him throughout the church.

**Q.** What is necessary in proceeding to the beatification and canonization of a saint?

**A.** Unquestionable miracles, wrought after the death of the person. Thus the church acts with a prudence wholly divine, which even heretics and the impious are forced to admit.

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## CHAPTER LII.

### Christianity visible.—All-Souls.

**Q.** What feast do we celebrate the day after All-Saints?

**A.** The commemoration of all the dead, or All-Souls. By uniting these two feasts the church wishes to remind us that we are all brethren.

**Q.** Has the church always prayed for the dead?

**A.** She has always prayed for the dead, offering up the holy sacrifice the day of their death and on the anniversary; she prays for them at every mass, and has instituted a particular feast for the relief of all the dead.

**Q.** Is this feast of ancient date?

**A.** It is of the 10th century; it originated in Franche Comte; and St. Odilon, abbot of Cluny, made it obligatory for all the monasteries of his order, whence it prevails throughout the church.

**Q.** What motives have we to pray for the dead?

**A.** We have four powerful motives to pray for the dead: the glory of God, charity, justice and our own interest.

**Q.** What do you remark on the burial service of the dead?