

things. It is a very serious matter, and you have a soul to save. Save that soul, and the only way to do so is by the true religion, and no religion established by man can do that. Therefore, I would recommend to all of you to pray fervently to God to draw you into the right path. Get the books which I have recommended—the three books which we call the set. Read them and study them, that you may be able to understand the doctrine of the Catholic religion. When I gave a mission at St. Joseph's, there was a young Virginian who went to his preacher and said to him: "You must answer the questions contained in this pamphlet of Father Damen, and if you do not do so to my satisfaction, I am going over to the Catholic religion, and he proposed the questions. "Well," said the preacher, "you must not be thinking about these things—do not be bothering your head about them." "Well," says the young man, "I am not going to damn my soul—I must know the truth, and I want you to prove to me the truth." "Well," says the preachers, "I cannot do that, and there is no man in the world that can do it." "Well, then," says he, "good-bye to you, I shall become a Catholic," and he became a Catholic, and every highly educated Catholic. Now, was he not a sensible young man? He wanted proof, and when he could not get it he went where he could get it. I say, then, get the pamphlet containing my lectures, and read it attentively, and take it to your preacher and ask him to refute it, and refute it to your satisfaction, and if he does not satisfy you, come to me and I will make you sure of the truth.