

8. Why is that necessary ?

(1.) Because without it our promises will be only an empty form, and will displease God instead of pleasing him.

(2.) Because confirmation is intended to confirm us in the ways of God, and we must be in God's way before we can be confirmed in them.

9. How does that apply ?

When we have a sincere intention and desire to serve God, we are already in his ways, and therefore capable of being confirmed in them ; but not otherwise.

SECTION III.

1. Why is it our duty to offer ourselves to be confirmed ?

(1.) Because the Church requires it of us, and it is our duty to obey those who are over us in the concerns of our souls.

(2.) Because in confirmation we are invited to confess Christ before men, and we cannot be saved if we refuse to confess him.

(3.) Because it is our duty to partake of the Lord's Supper, and the Church does not allow us to partake until we are either confirmed, or at least ready and intending to be confirmed.

(4.) Because we are weak and require strengthening, and therefore should avail ourselves of any means of being confirmed in God's ways

(5.) Because in confirmation we acknow-