

"The words of the Holy Ghost have a sacramental virtue to the understanding mind.. Our main concern must be to bring the person of our Divine Lord home to the minds and hearts of our contemporaries. This done, all else will follow of itself. But it must be done genuinely. Not a false Christ, as may easily befall ; not the dissolved Jesus of heresy, but the true Redeemer as His Church knows Him. He is at once the need and cure of souls : never more than now. I believe that this reading, thinking age is, in the main, a profoundly earnest age. I believe it is heart-sick for the living Christ. I believe that if it could see His blessed countenance with the vision of Catholic faith it would rush to His feet in an ecstasy of devotion. It is the duty of the Church so to present Him. It is especially her duty to show Him to the rising generation. What then is the simplest way amongst many ? By sermons ? by conferences ? by doctrinal treatises ? Yes, by all these means. But, over and above these, I consider that the inspired words of the Gospels, the words of Our Lord Himself, set in a framework of interpretation such as shall convey to the reader that precise sense which the Church derives from them, is the most effective of all ways."

The Association for the propagation of the Faith was founded in France seventy-five years ago for the purpose of aiding and developing Catholic missions throughout the entire world. It is a work in which the Catholic Church in America is deeply interested, because it originated in a desire to assist the infant Church of America, in 1815, when, in response to the pressing appeal of Monsignor Dubourg, bishop of New Orleans, a pious lady conceived the idea of collecting alms for the struggling missions of the United States. To-day, it contributes towards the support of no less than 325 dioceses, vicariates and prefectures apostolic in heathen and non-Catholic countries. Since its foundation, it has given to the various missions of the United States of America more than five million four hundred thousand dollars.

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