

itself a revelation of His purpose to save us. To call us out of His servants to be His friends : to admit us to the knowledge of His work and will : to make known also to us the communications of the Father : to have chosen us, when we thought not of Him, to have made us capable of serving Him — each and all these signs of grace pledge to us that His will is steadfast to save us if we do not betray ourselves." And again : " In all times of anxiety and fear and doubt and discouragement we may say. — God has foreknown and predestinated me to be a priest : He has called and justified and adopted me into the glory of His sons. He has sealed me with the mark of His soldiers and signed me with the character of His priests. He has guided and guarded me in my youth and manhood, and has preserved me to this day, supporting my perseverance by the ever-present and unfailing help of His manifold grace in every time of need. In every change of the warfare which is against me, I know that He wills my salvation. What has He left undone that He could do to save me? One thing He will never do : He will never take away from me my free will. And this is my only danger. If I freely betray myself or forsake Him, then I shall perish ; but if my will is united with Him, He will guide and guard me, not only from my enemies without, but even from myself. If I only have no will to grieve Him, He will keep me even unto death."

Of all those who are predestinated to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, they come first who share His priesthood and character. They are called to be like Him, that they may be the representatives of His person, and the mages of His mind. To them, therefore, are given all proportionate and adequate means of the closest conformity with Him.

Among the general means which are inseparable from His sacred character, there are three which exceed the others in importance, and from which all minor helps derive. The