

sor, keeps me in the Catholic Church. In fine, THE VERY NAME OF CATHOLIC, which, not without reason, amidst so many heresies this Church alone has so obtained, that although all Heretics would wish to be called Catholics, yet if any stranger should ask, where do the Catholics assemble, none of the Heretics would presume to point out his own Church or house" (B). And in the subsequent chapter of the same Book, he shews that his belief in the Catholic Church preceded his belief in the Gospel, for he well knew that the Church of Christ was long in existence before the Gospels were written, or the Bible finished.

"You know I am determined not to believe anything that is said by you, without sufficient grounds. I ask then : who is this Manicheus ? You will answer me : An Apostle of Christ. I do not believe it. What can you then do or say for yourself ? For, you promised me the knowledge of the truth, and now you compel me to believe what I know not. Perhaps you will quote the Gospel for me, and endeavour from thence to assert the person of Manicheus. But, if you met any one who did not as yet believe the Gospel, what would you do, if she should tell you : *I do not believe it ?* FOR, I MYSELF WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE GOSPEL UNLESS THE AUTHORITY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAD MOVED ME TO DO SO. Those, therefore, whom I obeyed when they said to me, *Believe the Gospel ;* why should I not obey them when they say to me : DO NOT believe the Manicheans. Take your choice of the argument. If you say : *Believe the Catholics ;* they