

We decree that Our present Letters shall be forever unalterable, valid, and effective; that they shall go forth and shall procure, fully and entirely, their effects, and that they entirely favor those that they concern or shall concern, desiring that it be thus pronounced and definite and declaring null and of no value all that which, on the part of any authority whatever, knowingly or not, may be brought against it. All other things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome, near Saint Peter, under the ring of the Fisherman, January 4, 1912, of Our Pontificate the ninth year.

CARD. MERRY DEL VAL,

Place of the Seal.

Secretary of State.

*STATUTES OF THE PIOUS UNION FOR THE COMMUNION
OF CHILDREN.*

ARTICLE I.

An Association bearing the title of Pious Union for the Communion of Children, is established in Rome in the Church of Saint Claude.

ARTICLE II.

The end of this Pious Union is to contribute to the spread of the knowledge and the execution of the Decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, *Quam singulari Christus amore*, of August 8, 1910, on the age of admission to First Communion.

ARTICLE III.

All who, in whatever capacity, desire to help children to approach the Holy Table as early as possible, and afterward to continue to nourish themselves as frequently as possible on the Eucharistic Bread, may be admitted to membership in the *Pious Union*.

ARTICLE IV.

Consequently, not only ecclesiastics, but the laity — parents, teachers, catechists, etc., who propose to exercise their zeal toward the children of their family or their Institute, and also, as far as possible, toward other children, especially among those of friends and acquaintances, may be inscribed.

ARTICLE V.

The associates shall be employed principally in teaching children as soon as they have reached the age of reason, the things they ought to know in order to be able to make their First Communion, and to prepare them for the great act by suggesting to them short exercises as preparation and thanksgiving.

ARTICLE VI.

They shall, besides, take care that the children after their First Communion continue to approach the Holy Table, at least on feast days, and that they frequent catechetical instructions.