

tion of St. Francis of Sales, and we rejoice thereat. It is destined to produce great fruits; the conditions of application are easy and it offers numerous spiritual advantages.

We pronounce a blessing from our heart on this pious association and recommend it in a special manner to your most ardent zeal. Explain thoroughly to your parishioners the sublimity of its object and the plenitude of heavenly favors which it may draw down upon them. Above all see that children take an interest in it. The alms fetched by innocent hands produce a double fruit. In furtherance of this view, you will take advantage of the catechetical lessons, when you have the children directly in your hands, and you should aid their intelligence and incline their will according to your pleasure; you will also attend to the opportunity of parochial visits, when all the families lay open to you their houses, their purses and their heart. Who knows, perhaps a word of yours, unconsciously spoken, may give birth to a secret vocation, that will blossom with time. Every year in the month of December, you will forward to us at Pembroke the amount of the contributions placed in your hands.

You will receive with the present circular the new formula prescribed on the 7th. of July last, to give the *general absolution* to such as are entitled to it. Those who are entitled to this favor are all the members of the Association of St. Francis of Sales who wear the seraphic cordon.

III. THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

The Association of St. Francis of Sales will give pastors to the Church of Pontiac; the Society of the Pro-