

ministers of his Church should attain to perfection in faith and in work, founded on a two-fold love, viz.: Of God and of our neighbor. Such, therefore, should you study to be, that you may be chosen, through the grace of God, to be the assistant of Moses and of the twelve Apostles, that is, of the Bishops of the Catholic Church foreshadowed by them. Truly, by this wonderful variety of Ministers, the Catholic Church is encircled, adorned and governed; since some in it are bishops, some others priests of the second order, then deacons and sub-deacons of inferior order, consecrated to God. Thus, by the union of various grades and dignities is constituted that one harmonious body of Christ, His Church. Therefore, most beloved Son, whom the voice of your brethren has chosen to be our assistant, preserve chastity unstained, and lead a holy life. Ponder seriously upon the sacredness of the duties which you will perform. Practice what you inculcate, and while you celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death, endeavor to mortify in your own body all inclinations towards vice and concupiscence. Let your doctrine be as spiritual medicine for the people of God, and let the odor of your life be the joy of the church of Christ, that you may build up, as well by example, as by precept, the house of God,