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## PASTORAL LETTER

OF THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES OF QUEBEC,  
MONTREAL AND OTTAWA, REGARDING THE SCHOOL QUESTION  
IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

WE, BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE, ARCH-  
BISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES OF QUEBEC,  
MONTREAL AND OTTAWA,

*To the Clergy, Secular and Regular, and to all the Faithful of these  
Provinces, Greeting and Benediction in Our Lord.*

We deem it opportune, Dearly Beloved Brethren, to recall to your minds today some of the grave principles which govern the relations that exist between the Catholic Church and the schools where children receive their primary instruction and the first lessons in Christian morals.

If it is true that the child is *naturally* dependent on the paternal authority, *supernaturally* he depends on the authority of the Church, which is the supernatural society for which God has created him, and into which he is obliged to enter, because, according to the actual ways of Providence, it alone can help him to attain his final end. Baptism, which he receives from the Church, at the request of his parents, gains him admission into this society, whose laws, concerning his salvation, he is