

## 100 CATECHISM OF RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY

He will let the bosom of the Church be lacerated, her members be cut to pieces rather than give up that sacramental contract of which he is the guardian. Fall down, rotten branches, fall down. After that, the trunk of the great tree shall only be more vigorous and strong.

O Luther, you are wrong, acclaiming divorce, polygamy, adultery, sacrilege. That mass of iniquities you call a reformation. But you are a liar. It is no reformation at all: it is nothing but treason, cowardice, dishonor. Alone, in the midst of the torrent stands the Church, fighting for truth, for justice, for the Gospel. Alone, she can open the divine Book and repeat fearlessly these words of Saint Paul: "Marriage (is) honorable in all; the (nuptial)bed undefiled. This is a great Sacrament, but I speak in Christ and in the Church". (Hebr. XIII, 4; Eph. V, 32).

How much these Holy words should increase our love and admiration for the Catholic Church, that Church of God which according to Saint Paul is "the pillar and the ground of the truth." (I Tim. III, 15).

The Church has always abhorred mixed marriages, that is marriages between Catholics and heretics. The obvious reason of that abhorrence is that they compromise the faith of the Catholic party, the faith of the children, the peace and