

to us in the Brief by which the Pope raises to an Association *Primaria* universal, a pious union established lately in Rome for the development among children of the practice of frequent Communion. The following is the Brief:

PIUS X., POPE.

*For perpetual memory.* Elevated to the Chair of Saint Peter by the divine will, We have nothing more at heart, because of our special devotion toward the Sacrament of Love, than to see children at the moment when the perilous journey of life opens up before them, approach the Eucharistic Table with a pure heart and, at the time marked, before the contamination of the world has tarnished the lustre of their innocence, seek strength in the grace of this august Mystery. For this end, We have taken care to publish on the age of admission to First Communion the Decree that begins with the words, *Quam singulari*; and Our heart is greatly rejoiced on learning that in the Church of Saint Claude at Rome, there has been erected, by Our dear son, the Cardinal-Vicar, an Association under the title of Pious Union for the First Communion of Children. The aim of this Union is to spread the knowledge and the execution of the Decree, and to dispose the children, according to the rules of the same Decree, to approach the Holy Table for the first time with proper instruction and preparation, and then during the years of childhood to nourish themselves frequently with the Bread of Angels. Now, the Procurator General of the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament having earnestly begged Us to be pleased to raise this Pious Union to the rank of Association *Primaria* for the whole Catholic world, We wish to second the first steps of so useful an Association that it may daily develop and, with the grace of God, increase more and more for the greater good and profit of the Catholic name. We think it a duty to accede eagerly to this petition. For this reason, by these Letters, by virtue of Our authority, We erect and establish to perpetuity as Association *Primaria* for the universal Church the Pious Union for the First Communion of Children, canonically erected in this city in the Church of Saint Claude, and We confer on it all the privileges and prerogatives which, by right, belong to Associations *Primaria*. We grant, by Our Apostolic authority, to the Director and the officers of the said Pious Union as raised by Us to an Association *Primaria*, the power to aggregate throughout the whole world, according to the formula prescribed by the Constitution of Our Predecessor, Pope Clement VII., of happy memory, and by the other Constitutions and Apostolic ordinances published on this subject all the other Pious Unions of the same title and the same canonical end already erected, or which shall hereafter be erected, as well as all the Faithful individually; and communicating to them all the communicable Indulgences granted by the Holy See to this Association *Primaria*.