

PASTORAL LETTER  
OF  
THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS  
OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES OF QUEBEC, MONTREAL AND OTTAWA,  
ON  
**The Manitoba School Question.**

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

*To the Secular and Regular Clergy, and to all the faithful of  
our respective dioceses, health and benediction in our Lord.*

Dearly beloved Brethren,

Called by the will of our Divine Lord to the spiritual government of the particular churches confided to their care, the Bishops, successors of the Apostles, have not only the mission to teach truth at all times and to infuse salutary principles into the souls of men, but they have, moreover, in certain critical and perilous circumstances, the right, and it is their duty to raise their voices to forewarn the faithful of dangers that threaten their faith, and to direct, stimulate, and sustain them in the just revindication of their imprescriptible rights, manifestly disregarded and violated.

You know, dearly beloved brethren, the very painful position in which our co-religionists of Manitoba have been