

and hundreds of thousands, go out from a church where their religious liberty and their civil rights are alike oppressed?

The archbishop of Olmutz has addressed on this subject a circular to all the inhabitants of his diocese: "We learn," he says, "that some of you have yielded to the impious thought of separating from the holy Catholic Church, and of entering the Protestant communion. Therefore we exhort you, in the name of God, and of the holy Church, to return, with sentiments of sincere repentance, into the communion of our holy Church, and thus secure your eternal salvation. For in adopting the doctrine of heretics you deprive yourself of all means of obtaining happiness hereafter, and plunge your soul into perdition. We summon you to appear, within thirty days, before our ecclesiastical court, in order to be questioned on your conduct, and to free yourselves from the suspicion of heresy. In case that, contrary to our expectation, you should take no notice of our command, and should refuse to appear we shall declare you guilty of heresy, will draw upon you the punishment denounced by the sacred canons, namely, public exclusion from the holy Church. Time for repentance is left you; do then, what the safety of your soul requires, in order to stand in the day of judgment of God. Amen."

This mandate of the archbishop of Olmutz is evidence of numerous conversions to Protestantism, induced by the tyranny of the priests. Some journals announce that if these conversions continue, the priests will ask for the government a law, to punish by heavy fines and imprisonment, the new converts. That is very possible, even probable. The clergy will shrink from nothing; no more will the imperial government. But let Rome beware! the sword of persecution will turn, sooner or later, against him who has the imprudence to wield it.

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WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

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It is not uncommon for us poor short-sighted mortals to take such one-sided views of things, and be so engrossed in contemplating them as not to see at all, or very imperfectly, things of the very greatest magnitude connected with the other side of the subject. As the flying fish, fixing its eye on the dolphin, endeavoring to elude its