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# WHY I LEFT THE CHURCH of ROME

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**I** WAS born in the Church of Rome in 1809, and I was ordained priest in the year 1833. For twenty-five years I was a priest of that Church, and I tell you frankly that I loved the Church of Rome, and she loved me. I would have shed every drop of my blood for my Church, and would have given a thousand times my life to extend her power and dignity over the continent of America and over the whole world. God had given me some power to speak in French, and my great ambition was to convert the Protestants, and bring them into my Church, because I was told, and I preached, that outside the Church of Rome there was no salvation, and I was sorry to think that those multitudes of Protestants were to be lost. I never missed an opportunity of speaking to a Protestant in Canada in order to prove to him that his Church was not the Church of Christ, and my zeal and success was so great that, during my ministry, I persuaded ninety-three Protestant families to become Roman Catholics. But, thanks be to God, after my conversion, I went back to those very same people with the saving light of the Gospel in my hand, and, with the exception of three, they have all come back to the side of Jesus, where they have found peace.

## **The Holy Bible Put in my Hand when Young.**

My father, who was born in Quebec, had prepared himself for the priesthood, but a few days before he was to be ordained a priest he saw something in the Church of Rome which puzzled him. Filled with indignation, he gave up his position