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In its conflict with the unclean powers which make for evil, no longer the imperious dictator of man's duties towards God, himself and his fellow-man. So essential and unyielding a bond does religion establish between the soul and God that there must be absolute certainty in regard to its obligations. The church which maps out these obligations must, therefore, be able to say without the possibility of error "Thus saith the Lord." Take away the prerogative of infallibility from the church of Christ and what assurance will her children have that they are not being buffeted hither and thither by every wind of changing doctrine on the sea of error, that they are not being led astray by worldly wisdom alleging divine revelation to justify its vagaries and its changes? To preclude the possibility of a single husk of error being intermingled with the golden grain of truth the Savior gave His church the pledge of His unfailing assistance in the discharge of her duties when He said to His chosen apostles: "Behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." And as a further guarantee of His perpetual cooperation He sent the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, to teach them all truth, to recall to their minds all things whatsoever He had told them and to abide with them forever. This postulates the indwelling even in our day that divine Spirit Whose presence sanctified the church on her natal morn and rendered fruitful her operations during the twenty centuries which have since elapsed. This mystical presence authorizes her to speak in the name of God; to declare as the Apostles did in council assembled "It hath seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us" to assert of herself as Christ of Himself in the words of Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, therefore he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor," deliverance to the captive, sight to the blind and liberty to the bruised.

And what is the burden of this preaching? What the content of this message? "All things whatsoever I have commanded." On the pinnacles of faith the bids us soar to the region of eternal realities and grasp the secrets of God and of the universe as fully as we shall ever be permitted to know them until the light of glory suffuses us in presence of the Beatific Vision. She summons us to a mountain top, far above the loftiest heights to which reason aspires in its noonday brilliancy and unrolls before our gaze a glorious panorama in which we behold the Creator of the universe in the midst of His creation. She enables us, as it were, to touch with reverent hand that adorable Being Who from His throne in heaven sees the river of time flow on toward the ocean of eternity bearing on its bosom the wreck of created things. Mysteries hidden in the designs of the Blessed Trinity from the foundation of the world are revealed, and the marvellous operations of the Deity are all but clarified in the alembic of faith. The inscrutable wisdom of the Most High manifested in the assumption of human flesh by His beloved Son is dwelt upon as the measure of divine love for suffering humanity. Nor does her teaching fail to take cognizance of man's dignity and destiny as shown in his creation, or of his incalculable worth as indicated by his liberation from the slavery of sin through the redeeming blood of the Crucified. In the realm of grace faith discloses to us a sublime vista of infinite love wherein regenerated man glories in the possession of sacramental assistance to enable him to rise above the clouds of earth and direct his flight on the wings of hope and prayer even to the foot of God's white throne. She does not bid us follow Moses to the cloud-shadowed heights of Sinai to receive God's message on tablets of stone, but leads us to the mount of prayer where the meek and lowly Shepherd of souls gathers us into His fold and brands upon our hearts the impress of His sovereign truth as a perpetual memorial of citizenship in His mystical kingdom. In a word, this ancient church proclaims to the world the abiding truths of salvation—truths which are vital in their influence on human life to day as when they were enunciated by the Son of God in the synagogues of Judea or on the grassy slope near the Sea of Tiberias; truths which will never pass away though the sun himself grow dim with age and nature sink in years; truths which will flourish in immortal youth long

after time shall have blended into eternity.

In clear and unmistakable tones she proclaims to all that we have here no lasting habitation, no home save that which the exile has until his wandering footsteps recross the threshold of his homeland. And woe to him who fails to profit by her solemn admonition! By so doing he incurs the judgment pronounced by the Savior upon an infidel world, "He that believeth not shall be condemned." "If he will not hear the church let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican." Relying upon this assurance that the whole world would be obliged to accept her doctrine under pain of eternal ruin the Church of Christ has gone forth on her mission of enlightenment and borne the knowledge of unchanging truth to nations sitting in the darkness of idolatry and wrapped in the pall of pagan superstition. She has penetrated into every land and delivered to savage tribes the consoling message of the true faith. The sound of her voice has been heard in the homes of those who are clothed in the purple and gold of this world's mighty ones as well as in the rude cabin of the uncultured savage. It has whispered its message of peace and consolation beside royal couches and at the bedside of misery in the hovels of the poor. It has bidden the sinner tremble and the penitent rejoice, has ever striven to make man realize his noble destiny and not cling to the passing things of earth. At one time it is subdued in the accents of love, at another raised above the din of earthly turmoil in the thunders of excommunication. It has pleaded with barbarians at the gates of Rome and tamed the rebellious hearts of usurping rulers at Canossa. And where'er it breathes the word of life it falls on human ears in no uncertain tones or faltering accents but couched in language pregnant with the celestial fire of a message as enduring as the Rock of Ages. The waves of worldly ambition may try to obliterate its impress on the shores of time, the tide of bigotry and prejudice may seek to destroy it with its ebb and flow, the maelstrom of human passion may endeavor to engulf it in its raging vortex-but all in vain. "If God be for us who is against us?" The noonday beams of His omniscience will never cease to shine within the citadel of our holy faith or enircle its sanctuary with the halo of perpetual youth.

With full consciousness of the universality of her mission the church of Christ accepts the whole world as her portion and her inheritance—the fruitful soil wherein the seeds of truth are to be sown in anticipation of an unending harvest of golden grain. "Teach all nations," "Preach the gospel to every creature"—such was the injunction of her Founder. And in the fulfilment of this divinely-bestowed charter history mentions no land whose remote which has not thrived beneath the influence of her vitalizing presence. No continent is too vast for her missionaries to explore; no ocean too broad for her grace to span; no mountain too high for her cross to overtop; no cliff too abrupt for her heralds to scale; no people too barbarous for her message to civilize; no mind too ignorant for it to enlighten; no soul too dead for it to recall forth to renewed life. Roll back the scroll of twenty centuries and read the record of her achievements since the day on which the world's Redeemer launched her, the frail bark of Peter, upon the surging waves of time and gave to her commander the assurance that she would never be submerged no matter how strong the winds might blow or how high the waves might leap, and ask yourself if it be not the trading of the finger of God Who gave her being? During all these ages she has carried "the costliest freight that ever sailed the sea"; her triumphant keel has ploughed the surging main heedless of its power to wreck because the guiding hand of the Vicar of Christ has never wavered upon her controlling helm. In every quarter of the globe she has unfurled the banner of sacred truth and raised aloft above its ample folds the cross of Christ—the source and pledge of her enduring life. On Russian steppes and beneath the Southern Cross her altars are aglow with sacrificial light. Where the waters of the sacred Ganges reflect the rising beams of morning sun and the lofty peaks of this Western World are bathed in its declining rays she feeds her children with the life-sustaining bread of immutable truth and ennobles their minds with a knowledge of Him Who makes the earth His footstool and the firmament the reflection of His glory.

Never before in the history of the world has there been greater need of an infallible teacher in religion than in our era of boasted enlightenment and progress when the powers of man's mind have been deluded and false standards of life prevail. The stability of unquestioning faith which characterized not only the early days of Christianity but many succeeding ages is being gradually undermined by the corrosion of an unbelief which scoffs at miracles and mysteries in order to show its contempt for authority and for everything which exceeds the power of human comprehension. In many quarters the mantle of faith has been discarded for that of proved infidelity. The agencies of religion are abroad in the world today, ravaging wolves in the clothing of sheep, inculcating false doctrines under the guise of truth and with specious arguments leading the unwary astray. The citadel of the ancient church is being stormed in an attempt to have the images of religion for the purpose of two thousand years. The dogmas of Christianity cease to exercise their wanted away over the minds and hearts of men wherever the parasitic agencies of atheism and agnosticism are tolerated and encouraged. "All to man amounting to God" is the cry of an age which has made irreligious feelings and contagious and clothed in gaudy and alluring garb. The spirit of doubt and denial has wrought havoc



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with the most cherished traditions and the most sacred beliefs. Human reason has been exalted and placed upon a pedestal for the idolizing worship of deluded votaries who would scorn to bend the knee before the altar of the Crucified. False principles of philosophy lead even the brightest minds to discard the supernatural and to see in the universe nothing but the play of blind forces acting independently of a controlling Being. The human intellect, the benefactor of civilization, batters itself against the ramparts of doubt and uncertainty in vain quest of an answer to its ceaseless questioning. Perplexed maxims of right and wrong have become new standards of morality which are rapidly undermining the cornerstones of public and private virtue. "That sensibility which is the chastity of honor which fell a victim like a woman" is rapidly yielding to the inroads of expediency and selfishness. Respect for law and order and for legitimately constituted authority is losing its hold on the masses wherever they are taught to view its obligation apart from the eternal law which declares that "there is no power but from God," and therefore he that resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God." But worst of all, the very foundations of society have been threatened by the too prevalent disregard for the sanctity and indissolubility of the marriage bond which alone can safeguard the sacred character of home life and family life. Divorce, infidelity and riotous living are sapping the strength and vigor of many communities and paving the way for social disorders which clamor for redress. Modern systems of education devoid of religion are annually increasing the number of those who recognize no God but intellect and no code of morality founded on eternal sanction. We have but to place a finger on the pulse of the busy, worldly world to realize that the precious heritage of twenty centuries of Christianity is in danger of being lost because of man's forgetfulness of God. We are passing through the throes of a social upheaval which threatens to leave naught but ruin and destruction in its wake. The mightiest moral obligation gives no promise of a dawn of brighter hopes save in so far as it is illuminated by the rays of the eternal principles of Christianity as taught by the Catholic Church. So great has been the ungodliness of the world that man has almost despaired of finding a remedy for the evils it entails. Time and again he has been on the point of yielding to the crushing tide which threatens to engulf him. But lo, at such times there gleam bright and clear across the crest of the tumultuous waves the cheering beams of religion's beacon light with its message of encouragement and renewed hope. Again and again above the roar of the breakers have been heard these words of comfort as if they were from heaven itself, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." It is the clarion voice of the Church of ages making proclamation of her divine mission of regeneration across the turbulent sea of human passion and calming the troubled waters with its tone of authority as of old the Master bade the waves of Galilee be still. It comforts the drooping heart of humanity by the infusion of new grace and power, "I am the Way—the narrow way along which you must walk if you would escape the Egyptian bondage of sin and enter the land of promise. "I am the Truth"—the heavenly truth which, if accepted, will clarify your minds, free them from the thralldom of ignorance from the dark recesses of this earthly vale "I am the Life"—the eternal life which alone can quicken the dead members of your hopes and aspirations and cause them to throb once more with the life of grace. Will the world accept this message? Will it harken to the living voice of God's Church, define its duties and responsibilities? Slowly but surely the world is beginning to realize that if there be a remedy for the evils which afflict it and a solution for the problems which agitate it the Catholic Church alone can furnish them.

The Catholic Church is the one great permanent fact of human history, the only institution which has defied the inroads of remembrance's time. During all the centuries of her existence she has been conscious of the sustaining power of the Incarnate God Whose presence is a guarantee that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against her" no matter how persistently an unympathetic world may seek to impede the progress of her victorious legions. In the beginning he triumphed by the power of truth over the degrading yoke of superstition and unbogged the untamed horde of paganism to the refining yoke of the gospel of Christ. In the Middle Ages she relieved the human mind of its gloominess by the breath of her spiritualizing knowledge and healed the wounds which ignorance had inflicted by the soothing balm of her heavenly wisdom. In the twentieth century, likewise, she is capable of elevating man to a plane of broader culture, truer enlightenment and nobler endeavor than he has yet attained if he will only submit to her guidance and accept her teaching. "Receive the truth of God in His entirety," she says to the world, "and the truth will make you free." She bids mankind see the Almighty Lord of all seated securely on His throne whence an unnumbered generation would find drug Him in order to place themselves in the perilous last of the fish, of power and of wealth a goddess of false liberty who would emancipate her

subjects from their allegiance to the restraining sceptre of the Most High. She conjures all to render to this adorable Being the homage and worship which is His due and to recognize in Him the supreme arbiter of human destiny, the Father, the Savior, the Judge of mankind. He alone exercises sovereign dominion over all created things. He alone is the author of true liberty founded on Wisdom's unshaking decree and therefore, it is incumbent upon all men without exception to obey not only Him but those whom He has placed in authority over them and to regard the civil magistracies of the land in which they live as the concrete expression of His will. She imposes upon rulers and ruled, masters and servants, employers and employed, parents and children the solemn obligation of living in the bonds of trust harmony with one another, and exercising mutual forbearance in the work of establishing and preserving those equitable relations, political, economic and social—without which there can be no true liberty, genuine happiness and real progress. As a guarantee of social stability she casts the mantle of her protection around the home rendering thine sacred the marriage relation and the family life, and condemning under severest penalties whatever would menace the love and respect which parents owe to each other and to those entrusted to their keeping. To the intellectualist and material tendencies of the age she opposes the gospel of an enlightened obedience to the teaching of faith and a humble docility in following the promptings of conscience which proclaims its kinship to the eternal God. In a word, the church of Christ speaks as the representative of the Most High declaring His Will, safeguarding His interests, enforcing His commands and thereby preparing His children for the glories of an eternal union wherein faith shall be transformed into vision and hope into fruition.

The rights of holy youth enrolling her youthful brow in the bosom of the Most High in her power, with the unstained record of a score of centuries of enlightenment and progress to attest her heavenborn mission, the Church of God challenges the admiration of the world and walks a queen, by right divine, among the countless sects and societies which from time to time have raised their hydra heads in fruitless efforts to supplant her. But as long as God reigns, as long as the Holy Ghost continues to infuse His grace into the souls of men so long will this glorious church "not having spot or wrinkle" maintain the traditions of the past and with her face turned towards the dawn of future reach out and accept from Almighty God the countries to come as her inheritance as she comes to be till the evening of life the mother of heroic sanctity, the teacher of unchanging truth. With sentiments of profound veneration and filial devotion we salute anew this Mother Church of Christendom and reaffirm our acceptance of every tenet of her ancient creed. We acknowledge her to be "the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth," whose outposts are found on every shore guarding the deposit of faith against the inroads of those who would "dissolve Christ."

In this Cathedral we behold a miniature of that universal church which began her career of enlightenment and regeneration when the Apostles "walked with pastoral first" emerged from the cavern at Jerusalem and proclaimed to devot "men out of every nation under heaven" the gospel of their throne-crowned King. Within this sanctuary" is the Cathedra or teaching chair, of one of her successors, and from this throne of authority will be promulgated the self-same message of eternal life which has quickened the course of humanity since the day on which St. Peter entered the city of the Caesars, a conquering, though unheralded hero and began that struggle for supremacy which ceased only when the tithe of the victorious banner of imperial Rome cast its folds to the breeze beneath the standard of the Crucified. This cathedral shrine is linked in mystic union with the church of apostolic times, and by virtue of God's promise, identical in doctrine and practice, with the early church of Jerusalem and Rome. Within these hallowed walls the same truths will be preached as gladden the hearts of worshippers in that stately temple by the Tiber's bank; the same virtues will be inculcated as the same voice declared in tones as authoritative as those which issue from the watch-tower of the Vatican; the same Sacraments will be administered as consoling confessors and fortified martyrs in the days when christian blood bedewed the sands of the imperial arena; and the same spotless Victim of splendour will be sacrificed anew as on another Calvary's crimsoned cross.

Before this altar you will kneel to give thanks with the vestments of truth and arm yourself with "the sword of the Spirit" ere he enters the lists to engage in the battle he scents from afar; his "breastplate of justice" to present in the master the trophies of life; hence old age will be bowed with the tokens of merit with which God glorifies the souls of the just whose lives have been spent in defence of His truth. To the Blessed Trinity-Father, Son and Holy Ghost we dedicate this Cathedral today and bid it go forth under the patronage of St. Dunstan and keep the beacon light of the one true faith ever burning before the eyes of men, thus illumining their pathway through the night of time and prefiguring the brightness of eternity's dawn Amen.

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