

*Head of the Church in the person of his worthy representative, the entire episcopacy and all zealous priests; for brothers and confederates, the most pious among christian children. Your conquests are conquests of peace.*

*But, dear kind little friends, for hearts such as yours, it is not sufficient to do good; you must also engage others to do likewise. Not satisfied then with belonging to that army which numbers soldiers all over the world, induce children, who are not members, to enrol themselves under its lovely standard. Turn to good account all the evil pretexts which can be alleged to oppose you and others! And when will you act in a more appropriate time? Do you not see that the harvest is ripe! that numberless countries are but waiting for the arrival of a missionary to embrace christianity! Even China, compelled by powerful bayonets, is throwing open its gates! and in wretched Syria, what ruins to repair.*

*Courage then, my kind and dearly loved little associates. Strengthen your ranks, multiply your collections, and victory is ours, the triumph of truth over error, of life over death, of God over the devil.*

*With a heart full of this hope also will we await, through the medium of your zealous directors, your communications and your offerings.*

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