I then took a piece of paper, and it seemed to me that this was a golden opportunity to silence the voice which was speaking to me day and night and troubling my faith. I wanted to persuade myself by this means that in the Church of Rome we were really following the Word of God, and not the lying traditions of men. I wrote down these very words: " My lord, we French Canadian of the colony of Illinois want to live in the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church, out of which there is no salvation, and to show this to your lordship we promise to obey your authority according to the Word of God, as we find it in the Gospel of Christ." I signed that and offered it to my people to sign, and they did. I then gave it to the Grand Vicar, and asked him what he thought of it. He said, " It is just what we want." I said, " I am very glad, but I am afraid the Bishop will not accept this submission." " Why not?" " Because you see, I have put here a little condition. I have said here, ' We submit ourselves to your authority, but according to the Word of God, as we find it in the Gospel of Christ.' " " Well," said the Grand Vicar, " is not that good?" " Yes," I said, " it is very good; but I fear it is too good for the Pope and the bishops." " Well," said he, " what do you mean?" " My dear sir," I said, " this is a thing I have never revealed to any man. God only knows the troubles which have been in my mind for many years. There is not a living priest who has studied the Scriptures and the Holy Fathers more than I have done, in order to strengthen my faith in the Church of Rome; but the more I studied, the more there was a voice constantly day and night troubling me, and saying, ' Do not you see that in the Church of Rome you do not follow the Word of God, but the lying traditions of men?' My fear is that the Church of Rome has rejected the great saving truth of the Gospel, and put in its place the lying traditions of men." The Grand Vicar, however, assured me that the Bishop would accept it, and all would be right.