

rice of the Mass is the greatest protection they have in their pilgrimage through this life, against violent heat of passions excited, by the demon, so is the Catholic school the surest light, pillar of fire, which will go before and conduct them to the land of promise, their heavenly eternal destination.

•Let, then, neither the young nor the old, the mechanic nor the laborer, the family nor the community, fail in their confidence in God or distrust him the least in their attempts and exertions to support their own schools. If they do so, if they give up and abandon such good and glorious work, God's own work, from which He derives such praise and glory, they may expect to be dreadfully scourged as were the Israelites. If they fail, alleging money is scarce, times are bad, and trade not profitable, that will be no excuse before Him, for God is all powerful.

•And what he requires is confidence and co-operation, when the work to be done is good and laudable. If they forsake Him, or lose confidence in Him, they must soon expect the dreadful fate of the Israelites.

•He will afflict and scourge them in the money they refuse to contribute to support their schools, by allowing it to foment their passions, which will become fiery serpents to bite and destroy them. Furies, which will eat the hearts out of them, which will make them weep and howl, and treasure for themselves wrath against the day of wrath; as St. James says: 'They will be scourged by their children, being given over to their enemies, the enemies of true religion and God.' Government officials, who by their school laws and legislation, will taint their morals, render their faith weak and useless, and thus make them corrupt, vicious, debauched, capable of committing the most hideous and shameless crimes, and sure to bring your gray hairs and old age in sorrow to the grave. Finally, they will be scourged by the loss of churches, schools and property, of their gold and silver, sacred vessels and treasures, as happened to the Israelites, when banished from their homes and temple, they were hurried away to waste their lives as slaves on the banks of the Euphrates, with their silent harps hung on the weeping