

animated with the same zeal, and influenced with like motives. Nor is the custom instituted by our Fathers a useless one, viz.: That, in the election of those appointed as spiritual captains, or governors, the people also should be consulted, inasmuch as the life and conversation of him who is to be ordained, might, though hidden from the many, be known to a few. It is, therefore, more becoming, and even more agreeable, for the people to obey him when ordained, whose ordination they had previously sanctioned. In truth, so far as we are able to judge, the life and conduct of this deacon prove that he is worthy of promotion to the honor and dignity of the Priesthood, since it seems pleasing to God; but, lest the assent of one or of a few should be influenced by the voice of affection or of friendship, the opinion of many is to be solicited; wherefore, what you know of his conduct and morals should be freely made known, as well as your opinions of his merits. And, in this testimony for the Priesthood, you will be very careful that your judgment be not dictated by favor or affection, but by the merit of the candidate. Should any one, therefore, having anything to say against his promotion, let him, before God and for the good of religion, come forward with all confidence and let him speak what he