

practices, be encouraged by the examples here recorded to return to their first allegiance, and be awakened to renewed zeal and firmness in the confession of the holy Catholic faith in the midst of its enemies, I should feel my humble efforts amply rewarded. It has indeed been a labor of *love*, as well as of blessed obedience, for me, and watered with abundant tears! Truly happy shall I be, if I have been enabled so to perform the behest of our beloved and respected Bishop, as to claim the promise that "they who sow in tears shall reap in joy," and "returning joyfully bring my sheaves with me" to the Altars of the Lord of Hosts, in the abundant fruits produced by it among our young people to the honor and glory of His Holy Name!