

should have of profanation, with what ardour in fine you should pant for these sources of life; what happiness is enjoyed in their frequent and worthy reception; what woeful misery is entailed, by receiving them unworthily, or wilfully forsaking and withdrawing from them.

Give ear, D. B. B., to the charitable admonitions of your pastors: hearken to their paternal exhortations: listen to their wails and lamentations over the criminal indifference of so many impenitent Christians, who neglect the reception of the sacraments. Oh! you also, have pity on your souls! O children of Israel, why will you obstinately persist in perishing, while salvation is at hand! Why would you die, while the sources of eternal salvation are nigh? Frequently then approach to the sacraments, come then frequently and confidently, to wash, to purify, to heal yourselves in the saving waters of penance. Come often and always with ardour, with delight, and nourish your souls with the bread of life, in the heavenly banquet of the Holy Eucharist, which the love of the Son of God has prepared for you, to which he welcomes and invites you with so much charity.

In the decree treating of the life and duties of priests, the Fathers of the Council expose their respective duties towards God, towards themselves and towards those whose salvation is entrusted to them; the virtues and good works they should practice; the examples they should give, and lastly, all the rules to discipline they should observe, to attain the degree of sanctity to which they are called.

The Priests should be holy, because they are consecrated to God; because God, whose ministers and representatives they are, is holy; because the sacrifice they offer to ~~them~~, is holy; because the things of which they are the dispensers, are holy.

"For, D. B. B., all things are yours" ¹ in the Church of God, and ~~is~~ there for your sake; the Bishops are yours and are established for your sake; the sacraments are for your benefit; the Priests are also for your advantage. It is in your behalf that they are Priests, that they are separated from other men "and appointed in the things that appertain to God:" ² in your behalf they offer sacrifices, and are ministers of Jesus-Christ; it is for your sake that he has conferred on them his extraordinary powers, that ~~He~~ has confided to them the dis-

(1) Cor. 3-22

(2) Heb. 5-1