

which Christ has divinely established—that spiritual authority which knows not the divisions of peoples, but which confesses one God, one faith, one baptism, one fold, and one shepherd—are constrained, lest they should perish, to take refuge under the wings of the temporal authority ; and this is what Protestantism has done from the beginning, and still continues to do, substituting national churches for the Church that is universal, *and denying the Christian teaching* with respect to the distinct character of Christianity, namely, its Catholicity—*Teach all nations.*

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ, Sire, is not of *this world* ; it is not of human institution. It is of Divine institution, and it has for its object the salvation of souls ; but it was to establish it *in this world* that the Word was made (*the Kingdom of God has come unto you*), and that he founded His Church—as the Gospel clearly witnesses.

VI.

Truly, *there is but one mediator between God and men* ; and this one mediator is the Man-God, Our Lord Jesus Christ. He alone has been able to redeem us, by the shedding of His blood ; He alone is thus the mediator of justice or of redemption ; He alone is of Himself the source of grace and of truth ; but it is He Himself who wishes to spread both the one and the other by means of His Church. There is nothing in this, Sire, to astonish us. Divine wisdom is everywhere in harmony with itself : and in the order of nature, it works by secondary causes. When souls are to be saved, it is by man that it wishes to save man ; and, when it wishes to come to the aid of a spiritual and sensible nature like ours, it is by spiritual and sensible means that it wills to do it.

Open the Scriptures, Sire, and you will see—

Jesus Christ is the sole Master, the sole Teacher of our souls : *One is your Master.* But He who alone possesses in Himself the Divine power of teaching, communicates it to the perpetual Apostolate : *Teach*, He says ; *I am with you till the consummation of the world.*

Jesus Christ is by Himself the only Priest : He alone has consummated, once, the great sacrifice of redemption. But as this great victim, once sacrificed on Calvary, does not cease to offer Himself *for us* in Heaven, *always living to make intercession for us*, so He does not cease to offer Himself *by us* upon the