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8. We believe in the real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Not in an empty formula of the Lord's Supper, with the uncomforting, meaningless, and empty ceremony of taking a symbol for the reality of the Presence of Our Lord.

9. We believe, too, in the obligation and necessity and advantages of Confession, because Christ taught it, and did not teach us to confess our sins to God and be satisfied with that. And we believe in all the other Sacraments as valid as in the Catholic Church. And the one Sacrament that is valid in other churches is because it is the Catholic Sacrament, and cannot be changed. and involving the validity of the Sacrament Matrimony among Christians because of the validity of this Sacrament of Baptism.

Moreover, we believe in the obligation of the law of the Church in regard to assisting at Mass, fasting, with dispensation only by authority of the same law, the spirit of Penance, the Sacramentals. Holy Water, Blessed Candles, Ashes, etc., belief in miracles and all the teachings of the Church.

And what should be the answer of a Catholic, if there are some who say your religion is like ours? It is yes, very like. Or with a profession of faith they are alike in some form, but not in reality. They may be alike, because you have borrowed, or taken without permission, the ceremonies of the Catholic Church, but not her doctrines. They are as like as the wax figure to the living man, the imitation to the genuine, the paste to the glorious diamond of Divine Truth.

Whatever Christ has taught is the belief of every true Catholic. If we look into the living reality of the Church to day, if we look to her origin, if we look to the place she has in history, has in influence upon the spirit of the world, in spite of the malice of Hell, in spite of the plots and plans of infidels and irreligious, in defiance of their schemes to destroy her existence, and to paralyze her influence. The very thought of her trials, persecution, her martyrdom, her pure teaching, in the midst of impious doctrines. the pure lives of so many of her children amid a sensuous and sensual and perverse generation ; her thousands and millions of men and women, living lives apart from the world, consecrated to God by the vows of religion ; her millions upon millions of saints and blessed ones, who have fought the good fight and have been crowned with the seal of approval of God's hands by their beatification and canonization on the calendars of Saints.

All this, my brethren, fills the heart with enthusiasm, makes the pulse beat higher and faster, fills the mind and the soul with noble aspirations, and fires the will with holy ambition to be worthy of such a noble ancestry, of so royal a companionship, to walk as we should walk, to please God, and with zeal to be recorded by life and by deed among the humblest of the followers of Christ in this legion of Blessed Ones.

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