

be considered the Sacrament of the sick even if they be not dying; and, therefore, our clergy are ordered to administer this sovereign remedy to their penitents when dangerously sick, although they show no sign of immediate death; nor are they to be deprived of it as long as they remain in life, although they be incapable of receiving any other sacrament, even were they deprived of their senses or in a state of insanity or delirium, provided they formerly had the use of reason.

Children should receive Extreme Unction after they have come to the knowledge of good and evil, and ought never to be deprived of it once they have attained the age of twelve years.

#### OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY.

Although matrimony be declared by the Apostle a great Sacrament in Christ and his Church, and the emblem of that holy and indissoluble union which subsists between him and his mystical spouse the Church, it is in our days considered by many who call themselves christians, as a mere ceremony, or at most a mutual agreement between the contracting parties. We therefore order the Clergy of this Diocess to take every pains to explain to their flocks the nature and obligations of the Sacrament of Matrimony, and the great injury those do to their own souls who, by neglecting to put themselves in the state of grace, when they present themselves to be married, and whose weddings by resembling Bacchanalian revels rather than a celebration of a christian institution, draw down the curse of God instead of his blessing upon themselves and the state into which they have entered.

The Pastors will prevent as much as possible any of their hearers from going to be married by Clergymen of a different persuasion, and strongly represent to them that by so doing they deprive themselves of the Sacrament, occasion great scandal to their fellow Catholics, and a serious injury to their holy religion.

We, who have forsaken the pleasures and the comforts of this world for the glory of God, and have pledged ourselves to put in practice the doctrine of the Apostles who teaches "that having food and wherewith to be covered, with these

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