

is, perhaps, the most secure stronghold, and it is well for the world at this time that the civilization and learning of ancient France should be deposited in so fitting a sanctuary.

But there is another and greater menace and its magnitude is not always appreciated. Wherever the Nazi invaders have gone they have sought to destroy Christianity in general and the Catholic Faith in particular. The superficial heresies of Nazism and the great and venerable doctrines of the Catholic Church have nothing in common.

We are thus engaged in a double battle. We are fighting to preserve not only the freedom of thought and action which is our heritage from the past, but also the very existence of our Christian Faith.

I am not surprised that the people of Quebec are in the forefront of this fight, for here as nowhere else in the world, you have solved the problem of combining liberty of word and deed and thought with a healthy moral discipline imposed by the age old tenets of the Church of Rome. That is a way of life precious beyond all belief and worthy of every sacrifice in its defence.

Yours is a great and noble responsibility. I know that in your hands it is in safe keeping.