

PASTORAL LETTER  
THE FATHERS OF THE FIFTH COUNCIL  
OF QUEBEC.

We, by the mercy of God and the favor of the Holy Apostolic See,  
Archbishop and Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Quebec.

*To all the Ecclesiastics, to the Religious Communities of both sexes, and  
to all the Faithful of the said Province, Greeting and Bene-  
diction in Our Lord.*

Assembled in council for the fifth time, in this Metropolitan  
Church of Quebec, under the eye of Mary Immaculate, we all together  
address you, Our Dearly Beloved Brethren, that this our address may  
produce in your hearts a more profound and more salutary impres-  
sion. Posted as sentinels on the walls of the holy city, which is the  
Church of Jesus-Christ, we frequently hear in our inmost hearts this  
word of the prophet: *If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked man  
from his way: that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but I will  
require his blood at thy hand. But if thou tell the wicked man, that  
he may be converted from his ways, and he be not converted from his  
way: he shall die in his iniquity: but thou hast delivered thy soul.*  
(Ezechiel, XXXIII, 8.) Yes, we want, according to the expression of  
the prophet, to deliver our souls from the terrible judgment to which  
we would be exposed, if we failed in a duty at once important and

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