

gives death to the soul; and as, in those times of innocence and simplicity, people took care not to deceive others, so they could not believe that others wished to deceive their brethren.

It is with this rule of simple good faith that the "Legends of St. Joseph" must be read, if one would find in them the sweet attraction which such reading always has. The lessons conveyed in them, under different forms, all of the most pleasing kind, make the perusal of this book useful and advantageous. From the examples given we may learn that no one ever has recourse in vain to the good St. Joseph, the worthy spouse of the immaculate Virgin, the gracious foster-father of the Son of God made man, the powerful patron of the Catholic Church.

We believe, then, that good Christians will find in the reading of these Legends wherewith to nourish their piety, their

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