

Introductory

In every parish many persons of mature years will be found who, while ready to present themselves for Confirmation, are prevented by circumstances from attending the preparatory Classes. For them the following instructions are designed, though they may also be found helpful to others.

One of the great incidental blessings of Confirmation is the opportunity thereby afforded of definite teaching in regard to the 'Catholic Faith,' the practices of personal Religion, and the position of the Church.

Where such information can be given, the fortunate recipients should have a clear understanding henceforth of their Belief, Position, and Duty, and be equipped for all emergencies.

For this purpose our Church sets forth her Catechism; and while older persons cannot be expected to learn it by rote, they should certainly investigate the different great truths expounded therein, viz :—The Christian Covenant, Christian Creed, Christian Duty, Christian Prayer, and Christian Sacraments. An attempt to deal practically with these points is made in the following pages, which should be read slowly and thoughtfully, the scriptural references being carefully examined.

NOTE—These Instructions may profitably be read by **ALL PERSONS**, without special reference to Confirmation, as briefly explaining Doctrines, Rites and Customs popularly misunderstood.

It is worth a little effort, to learn the truth about these things.