

apostles established by his order in all the then known parts of the universe, and for the perpetual existence and durability of which to the end of time, he has pledged his own sacred and infallible word.

You have now freely and publicly professed the catholic faith ; but remember that this belief and this profession are not sufficient, you are bound moreover to live conformably to that faith : that is to say, you ought to practice its maxims, lead a holy life, and exactly fulfill the duties which the catholic church prescribes to her children. For as, according to Saint-Paul [*Heb.* xi. 6.], without faith it is impossible to please God, yet, though you have the happiness to be in possession of this faith, it cannot avail you to salvation, unless it be accompanied by good works. And accordingly St.-James says [*x.* 26] : " As the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. " Such is the doctrine of Jesus-Christ expressed in these words [*Matth.* vii. 21.] : " Not every one that saith to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. " Your faith therefore must be exemplified by the practice of virtue, and by a faithful obedience to the laws