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he feeds him with the bread of life—the body and blood of Christ—and thus enables him to reach the land of promise—the kingdom of God's eternal happiness. The priest comforts and relieves the poor; he consoles the afflicted and sorrow-stricken; he brings the peace of Christ into families torn by dissensions; he reconciles neighbors who had become estranged; he admonishes and reproves the erring; he encourages the wavering; and by word and example he points out to all his flock the road that leads to Heaven and to happiness. And when sickness enters the homestead, and when medical aid is impotent to stay the ravages of disease, and to assuage the pains of illness, the priest, the physician of the soul, comes and ministers to the mind diseased, heals the infirmities of the soul, consoles and fortifies the dying Christian with the Sacraments of Christ, reconciles him to death as coming from the will of God, and thus by his Christian ministrations makes death a sacred and holy thing, and the gate that opens into a happy eternity. When the poor body, cold and lifeless, is borne to the Church, amid the tears of friends and the sympathetic regrets of neighbors, the priest is there to offer up the holy sacrifice for the soul that is gone, to beseech for it eternal rest and light perpetual, and with holy prayers and solemn benedictions to commit the mortal remains to the guardianship of the consecrated grave. Thus, from the cradle to the grave, in our joys and sorrows, in the epochs that mark the pathway of our existence, the ministry of the Catholic priest is most intimately connected and intertwined with the dearest associations and the deepest interests of our lives. O, what an unspeakable treasure then is the good and holy priest! What a happiness to the Church! What a priceless blessing to the parish or remote mission in which he ministers! Such a priest is one of the greatest gifts that God can bestow on a Christian people. During life his ministry is fruitful in untold blessings, and even after death, his memory, his words, his example, his works remain