

Religion, and what specious pretexts we should probably allege to draw back from this sacrifice.

We shall help them then, D. B. B., with all our heart to take a step which, perhaps, to them seems impossible, and which is so in fact, if we merely consider human strength, but which becomes easy, with the assistance of God's grace, which, without difficulty overcomes all obstacles, sweetens the bitterness of the darkest grief, keeps up the courage of the most feeble. Yes, we shall extend to them a helping hand, by making use of all the means which Religion places at our disposition.

These means, D. B. B., you know them well, and you will have recourse to them with renewed fervor.

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§ 9. - PRACTICES OF ZEAL FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR SEPARATED BRETHREN.

You will, therefore, D. B. B., embrace the practices of a prudent and enlightened zeal, to facilitate to cherished relatives, loved brothers and sisters, faithful friends, generous protectors, amiable fellow-citizens, their return so ardently desired and so long waited for, to the bosom of the true Church of Jesus Christ.

Your daily prayers, your communions, your fasts, your austerities, your sacrifices, your alms, all will be offered, all will be performed with this intention. You will especially think of it, when with your assembled family you recite the holy Rosary, that beautiful prayer of the Beads, which the Blessed Virgin herself taught to St. Dominick, as a powerful means to convert the greatest sinners, and heretics the most obstinate in their errors. The marvellous success obtained by this great servant of Mary, through preaching the devotion of the Beads, is a convincing proof of the efficacy of this prayer. We shall therefore, have recourse it with new fervor. Oh ! how many, many souls will be saved, if everywhere the Beads be said with true devotion whilst religiously meditating on the mysteries of the life, passion and resurrection of the Divine Savior, and on the dolours of his August Mother !

But it is absolutely necessary that we labor to make these practices salutary, by vivifying them with good example and a life truly catholic. For that, assuredly, is the most moving instruction for all our separated brethren, and the one most capable of making an impression upon