



Father Abbot Leonard, O.S.B. seems to be telling the new sub-deacons something of vital importance.



DO NOT ARGUE

Never has there yet been a single conversion made by arguments or dispute alone, because those who do not believe, as a rule, do not wish to know the Truth. The devil knows all the truths of the Church even better than do many Catholics, and yet he has no wish to serve God. Arguing over religious matters with those outside the Church only gives the enemies of God an opportunity to mock at holy things. Reason, unaided by grace, is not able to grasp the great religious truths contained in the Catholic Church. It may be asked, then, what is one to do about instructing those outside the Faith? First, give good example, especially the example of Charity. Then, perhaps, one may teach the simple Christian doctrine and give whatever information one is able to give to those who are sincerely anxious to know the Truth. If you do not know the answer — SAY SO —. Do not appear erudite. The listener will soon detect the quality of the information that is given to him. A simple and honest exposition of truth and an humble presentation of it will more than likely lead the searching and uncertain mind to the threshold of Truth.