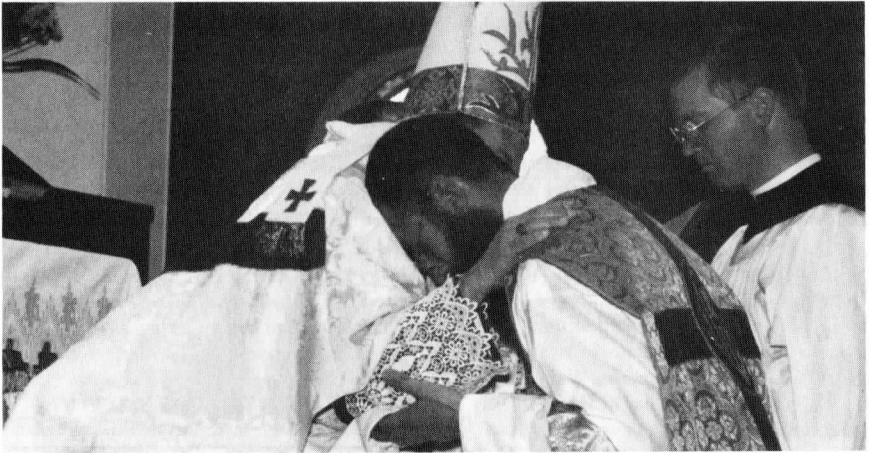


OF THE DESIRE FOR SANCTITY

When a religious asked St. Thomas Aquinas: "How can I save my soul?" St. Thomas answered: "BY WILLING IT." Here the saint, by his simple reply, gives us the crux of the **WHOLE BUSINESS OF PURSUING PERFECTION**.

If we **DESIRE** perfection (really *want* to reach perfection), we shall be saved. All depends on our willing it. But we must will it seriously and effectively, and we must **EXERT** ourselves with all possible diligence if we expect to secure our salvation.

If we do not have the will, nor the energy to exert ourselves, no one — man, priest, superior, not even God Himself, can bring about our salvation.



Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name!