



Recently, in the quiet of an evening, Mr. William Smyth, a wonderful friend and benefactor called the Abbot and asked him if he would like a "FEW" books to add to the Monastic library.

The Abbot said "YES".

A CONVERSIO; a profound and humble turning, determined and fixed with conviction upon our total wretchedness and sinfulness; a sincere and all-embracing compunction, a true compunction; a simple and honest "Oh Lord, be merciful to me a sinner," will gain for us the sweetest words of our loving Christ. Let us cover ourselves with the shield of faith when danger threatens. Let us be glad that as children of the true holy Catholic Faith, the Faith patterned out by the work and life and suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that we are preserved from ignorance and untruth and erroneous teaching and disbelief which are all taking Jesus Christ out of the hearts and minds and lives of the vast multitude of mankind.

Let us not be afraid to profess our faith boldly to whomever questions us, whether it be family or relatives or friends or anyone at all. Be warned that whoever professes faithfulness to Christ will suffer, will be called insane, will be cast out into the darkness of loneliness and near despair, and will often cry out, "Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?" By our reverence and decorum in His presence, by the fervor of our Holy Communions, by the careful observance of His Commandments and our good and holy example at all times and in all places, let us profess our unflagging faith in Him.

As we live a life of penance, mortification, and suffering which show us to be true followers of Christ, even though the cost of it all is indeed great, let us look forward to that day when He in His turn will confess us before the whole world and to His Heavenly Father.

Let us look forward to His second coming when He will gather up those of us who have the seal of His true Faith imprinted upon our souls.