

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Concerning the Prerogative of the Roman Church

Which Rev. J. G. White Intended the Paulist Priests Should Answer While in Toledo.

We observe in the Blade Priest Elliot of New York is holding a protracted meeting in Toledo, Ohio, and wishes to answer questions. We are not in reach of his question box, and therefore present a few questions through the press: 1. As it is the doctrine of the church of Rome, that neither infant, nor adult, can be saved without water baptism...

fasting from the preceding midnight, and swallow the "host" without mastication. (See Common Manuals). 12. Why the necessity for the Virgin Mary, and the power of the Holy Ghost, to give birth to Jesus Christ, if a bachelor priest with a wife of his breath, and a wag of his tongue, can create millions of such beings as was the omnipresent and omnipotent Jesus? (See the Bible and common sense).

them to perjure themselves rather than disclose the secret abominations of auricular confession? (See catechism of Trent, p. 190, P. Dens, vol. VI., p. 227-228; T. P. Kenrick, vol. III., p. 172; St. Liguori, vol. VI., p. 276; No. 634 and 646, St. Thomas, supplement to question II, article 1 and 3). 31. If there is nothing in the confessional unbecomingly obscene, why should Challeon say the confessor should not reveal "to save his life?" Liguori, that he should submit to be "burnt alive" sooner than disclose, and Bishop David, that "he is bound under pain of damnation to absolute secrecy; and the catechism of Trent, p. 195, "secrecy should be strictly observed, as well by penitent as priest?"

10. How may the people know that when in the act of consecrating the elements of the eucharist "the priest is also the same, Christ our Lord?" The ministers who offer this sacrifice, consecrate the holy mysteries not in their own, but in the person of Christ. (See catechism of Trent, from pages 146 to 176 inclusive). 8. How may the people know that a priest, drunk or sober, virtuous or vile, can with five latin words, "Hoc est enim corpus meum," create his own Creator, the Creator of the universe, and multiply such gods at pleasure? (See Misale Romanum, p. 218).

What evidence, that a Roman priest, drunk or sober, virtuous or vile, ever delivered a soul from purgatory? 49. If Roman priests really believe that there is a purgatory such as they represent, and that they have power to deliver souls, are they not a set of heartless villains to permit suffering souls to writhe so long in pain and untold anguish while the priests are waiting for money to elink in their mammon boxes? 50. Why has the church of Rome prohibited priests from having lawful wives, and permitted them to keep concubines? (See Liguori, vol. IX., p. 411, edition 1846).

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