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"Infinitus enim thesaurus est hominibus, quo qui usi sunt participes facti sunt amicitie Dei, propter discipline dona commendati." —(SAP. VII. 14.)

"Ne dimittas legem matris tue, ut addatur gratia capiti tuo." —(Prov. I. 8.)

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**Sancta Maria Immaculata**

**ora**

**pro populo.**

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## BRIEF NOTICE.

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A RECENT writer in France, "Le Pere Jean Baptiste Belot, S.J." \* gives the following as the reason for writing his treatise on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost:—

"If progress in the spiritual life, and examples of sanctity are so rare even among persons who make profession of piety, one cause may be assigned among others for this, namely, the condition of ignorance in which a great number of Christians live, as regards the working of the Holy Ghost in us, the excellence of His gifts, and their importance to every one of us for the sanctification of our souls. The present treatise on the gifts of the Holy Ghost has for its object to dissipate this state of ignorance, and to awaken the faith of the people in the working of the Holy Ghost in them."

Between the present work and that of the French writer, written for the purpose thus stated, there will be found probably scarce any other resemblance except the almost perfect identity of the object aimed at, viz., *to awaken*

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