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FOREWORD

Thanks to the war, the custom of applying initial titles to persons and things has become so common that it is almost a mannerism. From A. E. F. down to C. O., and from that down to M. P. the term is used.

If this usage were to be adopted for the present work, we might call these pages "C. C. C." (College Church Conferences), since that would explain their origin and their nature. They were given in St. Francis Xavier ("College") Church as a series of Lenten lectures. They are not, however, given to the public as mere lectures, considered as sermons: they form a brief treatise on a very important subject. The form of direct, personal appeal has been left unchanged for the same reason which prompted me to retain that form in the volumes which have already appeared in print.

The preceding Volumes (*The Bedrock of Belief*, "*His Only Son*," *Christ's Master-*

piece) dwelt first of all upon the necessity of the profession of religion, as based on man's position as a creature; they next established the claim of Christianity as the religion to be professed; and finally they made good the right of the Catholic Church to the allegiance of all, as being Christianity in the concrete.

The most obvious power of the Catholic Church is that of teaching authoritatively what the Saviour taught and of ruling the souls of men so as to bring them to the salvation achieved by the Redeemer of mankind. But, besides the mission of unfailingly and infallibly teaching all men the revelation of Jesus Christ and of ruling them unto salvation, she has the stupendous power of leading them to holiness by the means left in her hands and heart by her divine Founder.

Seven-fold is the stream which brings to God's children the water that springeth up to life everlasting—the seven-fold stream of the Sacraments, which are a seven-fold gift of love. This work treats of the Sacraments.