

the faithful the idea of true sanctity and finally to raise the spirits of those who witness and observe them with care, to thoughts of the sublime realities and excite in them faith and charity.

The sacraments were made for men, they are the sources of the spirituality of men, they are, then, to be adapted to the needs of those for whom they were instituted. To the Catholic Church Jesus Christ has left these sources of grace. They are unchangeable, in essence they must remain as Christ instituted them. Nevertheless the Church has the right to establish and change, according to needs and conditions, the accidental rites performed in the conferring of these sacraments. Men are human and the Church realizes this. She understands that all our knowledge comes from external things and the ordinary process of acquiring knowledge is to learn of the invisible from the visible, to learn of the spiritual from the sensible. Accordingly the Church has instituted ceremonies and rites, which are powerfully expressive, and which striking the imagination cause us to reflect and penetrate into the hidden things of our faith.

By her liturgy she teaches her dogma. By her ceremonies she inspires us with devotion and excites in us thoughts of the sublime mysteries of our faith. In the sacrament of baptism she shows us that we are the temples of the Spirit of God, that we are the children of God and subjects of His eternal faith. She has adapted herself to our needs and correspondence with her will lead us higher in the life of grace which comes to us through her sacraments and teaching.

EVENING!

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Slow fades the summer light,
Soft falls the dew,
Faintly the stars of night
Glimmer to view.
Bells on the valley-side
Tinkle and cease;
Darker the shadows glide—
All is at peace!