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Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

"The souls of men are spiritual; the words written by men are the substance or body of their souls. These words, in Catholic Literature, are what join men to each other and to their Lord. In this way Catholic Literature is the spiritual enlightenment of all men. Through Catholic Literature, we arrive at a closer relationship to God. We understand Him better and feel closer to Him. This is shown through our moral attitude in life. We love our fellow-man because we realize our relationship to him. We know that all men as creations of one God are brothers in God's family. Catholic Literature lifts our lives on earth to a higher plateau. This plateau brings us much nearer to our spiritual God and much farther from our sensuous desires for material things on earth. It shows us the right paths for our endeavors on earth. It helps us to realize the benefits and the importance of better spiritual life and moral behaviour. Through simple words based on simple truth, it aids us in visualizing the earth and our civilization, simply and truthfully, as a stepping stone to be used by us in our preparation for an eternal life with our Creator."

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Once we arrive at these conclusions, the necessity of Catholic Literature becomes apparent to us all. The world we live in today needs a medium by which men can know and accomplish their goal in life. Catholic Literature is this medium, or joining hand, between us and our motivations. It makes our job on earth clear to us and aids us in its accomplishment. In this manner, it can easily be seen that Catholic Literature is our tool. It is also clear, that once we acquire this tool, we will find ourselves prepared and willing to live as Christians or children of Christ.

Knowing God is loving Him. By helping to join us with God, Catholic Literature helps us to know Him better. Knowing God in this manner, we will find it easy to Love and Serve Him in this life. Such a blessing as this becomes priceless to us all in our lives and upon our deaths. Still, this valuable spiritual aid can be found easily, anywhere. Undoubtedly, this is a blessing shed on us through God's generous and loving heart to bring us closer to Him and our fellowmen.

From its delicately phrased pages, Catholic Literature shows us the actual value of human life. It lifts us above our stature as animals of

this earth. It shows us that our souls, through Christianity, are superior to our bodies. It makes us realize that spiritually, we are lifted above our existence on earth. Thus, on this higher plain, we feel our closeness to our God and our fellow men. We realize that material possessions are even less than secondary to our spiritual blessings. Through these premises, Catholic Literature helps to show us the value of life and gives it motivation higher than a mere material existence. In this sense, we are lifted to a higher plateau, one as much closer to God, as it is farther away from sensuous materialism.

Catholic Literature helps us to comprehend the unlimited and unparamounted benefits of a good life on earth. It shows us the good side of our existence, contrasts it with the bad and shows us plainly where each will ultimately lead us. In this manner, it helps us to realize the imperative necessity of using our existence on earth as a stepping stone to bring us closer to God, instead of farther from Him. Catholic Literature has the capability of explaining the intricate patterns of our modern lives to us. It can show us the better alternatives to take when we are faced with a problem. In doing this, Catholic Literature outlines our lives for us as good Christian lives should be. Thus, it enables us to foresee the pitfalls along the path of righteousness and the dire necessity for avoiding them. When we see our lives thus outlined before us, it is easier for us to know the need for and the way to salvation and eternal bliss.

In view of the clear cut facts brought to our attention through the medium of Catholic Literature, we become wholeheartedly thankful for its aid; thankful, because through it, we can see our lives as they really are. And through it, we can grow as Christian men can, and develop our minds spiritually, as each new facet of life is exposed to us. No one can express the importance of Catholic Literature in our society in its highest sense, because it surpasses our means of expression, but we all can and do realize that without it, the world we live in wouldn't be half as decent as it is now. So each of us will be thankful for its guidance and influence deep in our hearts now and when we share God's love with each other in heaven.

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