

embarkations, on their journeys,—and everywhere finding children to baptize, sick persons to prepare for the Sacraments, Christians of long standing to hear in confession, and infidels to instruct.

One day, it is true,—while he was reviewing in his mind the obstacles encountered by the faith, in consequence of the depraved customs of all those peoples,—he felt inwardly impelled, during the holy sacrifice of the Mass, to ask of God, by the intercession of St. Andrew the Apostle, whose festival the Church was that day celebrating, that it might please his divine Majesty to show him some light for the establishment of Jesus Christ's Kingdom in those regions in the place of Paganism. [51] From that very day God made him recognize the formidable obstacles he should there encounter, in order that he might more and more brace himself against those difficulties—of which the following Chapter will give a tolerable conception.