ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE,
WESTMINSTER,
S.W.

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My dear Child,

I was glad to have your letter.

If you had come through London you might have had communion where you are.

And now you must learn how to

1. First read over the instruction

for confession in the Garden of the Soul.

2. Examine to see what you may

have done in thought, word, or

 deed since your last confession.
3. Say it in fewer words, as, "I rec
came myself of ill temper, 
ness of self-righteousness, of being 
easily offended, of making an issue, 
newspaper, etc., or as the case 
may be, and by saying "I ask 
penance and absolution."

4. If you can remember nothing 
then say, do it, and "I accuse 
myself of the sins of my past 
life against the first, or the 
first commandment, among others, 
and end as above.

5. When you go into the Confessional, 
knell or say "Bless me, Father

for I have sinned." Then say the 
Confession as it is printed in the 
Gardens of the Soul, in the Mag.

I have always let you shorten it, 
but it is well to say it in its full 
manual form.

6. Never speak of any thing else in 
the Confessional.

But before you do this, write me a 
letter and ask me all about the present 
state of New Jersey, and give me the name of 
the Priest.

Or what other in the Convent?
Is it Lusenna?
What is your next town, or nearest 
town?
When I know this I will write to 
you again. Tell them to nothing, but
Go to May if you can.

You told me that you had written, and what is to read, is to divine the Presence of our Lord in the tokens of sacrament. When it is within our reach we are bound to seek it, when it is beyond our reach, our Lord, the multiplicity of leaves in the wilderness will provide for us. Our whole religion consists in our relation to time, or this relation to us. To love him, to be like him, to be near him is enough.

Yes, I pray for you likewise.

Once in the story, May. And I offer my communion for you.

May God help you.

Always yours affectionately,

N. E. A.