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Abstract

One may be inclined to anticipate the search for a change of heart in the church's pastoral address. There may be as much, if not more, evidence for a hoped-for attachment to institutions and ceremonies. The inquiry helps us to understand what religiosity might have meant to the 'converters' of the time, and whether it was a matter of behavior more than of attitude or disposition.