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Bishop Lorrain's First Visitation, Addresses, &c.

Early in May last his Lordship Bishop Lorrain, Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac, issued a pastoral letter announcing his first episcopal visitation of his immense Vicariate. We are glad to be enabled to place this document in full before our readers:

NARCISSE ZEPHRIN, by the Grace of God and of the Holy Apostolic See, Bishop of Cythra and Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac.

To all the Pastors, Missionaries charged with the care of souls, and all the Faithful of Our Vicariate, Health and Benediction in Our Lord.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, The Holy Council of Trent, in its memorable canons and decrees, drawn up under the inspiration of the Infallible Spirit, imposes upon the Bishops the strict obligation of annually visiting their respective dioceses, either personally or by proxy, and where this is not feasible through the vast extent of territory submitted to their jurisdiction, they are requested to visit at least a part thereof, *saltem majorem ejus partem*. And what was the motive which prompted the Fathers of the Council to issue this order? It is because the Bishop is bound to guard the orthodoxy of the faith, the maintenance of morals, and the spread of religion and virtue. It is because, according to time, place and circumstances, his duty is to adopt such measures as shall promote the great spiritual interests of the Christian people.

"Visitationum autem omnium istarum precipuus sit scopus sanam orthodoxamque doctrinam, episcopalis honestas, inducere, bonos mores tuere, prava corrigere, populum exhortationibus et admonitionibus ad religionem, pacem, innocentiam, concordiam, castitatem, pietatem, temperantiam et cetera fructu, cetera, prout locus, tempus et occasio fructu existerint, promulgent ad fideliarum fructum constitutum." (S. xxiv, c. 3.)

Furthermore, and outside of this formal obligation, the Bishop, by the very character of his ministry, is bound to visit the faithful confided to his care, in their cities, villages and country places, and wherever they may be found. He is the successor of the Apostles, and like them, he has been sent to teach all nations. *Sicut misit me Pater, et ego mitto vos*. (Joan. xv. 21.) *Evangelium docete omnes gentes*. (Matt. xxviii, 19.) He is the doctor of the new law, and without ever wearying, must proclaim the true doctrine in all places. It is thus that he will save his own soul and the souls of them that hear him. *Attendite illi, et sermone instrui in illis. Hoc enim faciemus, et de spiritu saltem facies, et ens qui te auditur*. (1 Tim. iv. 15.) He holds the place of the Divine Master, the shepherd of the faithful flock; he must take measures to know his sheep and be known by them, in order that they may attach themselves to his footsteps and follow with more confidence his counsels and instructions. *Ego sum pastor bonus et cognosco meas et cognoscent me meos*. (Joan. x. 14.) The shepherd devoted to his flock, visits them and goes in search of them. *Ego ego ipse cognosco oves meas, et visitabo eas*. (Ezech. xxxiv, 11.) It is his pleasure to lead them into the green pastures. *Pascite oves in vobis et grexem. Die perambulans in vobis, et spontaneas, secundum Dominum*. (1 Petr. v. 2.) In bringing them help he fears neither fatigue nor danger. *Bonus pastor animam suam pro ovibus suis*. (Joan. x. 11.)

Finally, and above all, the Bishop is a father; father of consciences; father of souls. He belongs to his children. In his desire to promote their welfare he seeks them and teaches them the secret of happiness, and truth. *Pater filios suos facit veritatem tuam*. (Is. xxviii, 19.)

With the object of carrying out these sentiments of our heart and fulfilling one of the most important duties of our pastoral charge, we shall begin, on the 4th of June next, the visitation of the different churches and chapels of Our Vicariate. We are not unmindful of the fatigue which these journeys will entail at this season of the year, but we thought that the visit was the most favorable for yourselves, and that in the last days of spring and the beginning of summer you could more easily quit work to come in crowds to meet your Bishop and partake of the graces which he brings. If we shall have to suffer somewhat from the bad state of the roads, the heat of the sun, and the plague of insects, we shall fortify our patience by the recollection of what our venerable predecessors had to endure when, in this remote portion of their diocese, the means of communication were even more difficult than they are at present. Besides, we have no doubt that your respect for the ceremonies of our holy religion, your eagerness to hearken to our words and your spirit of faith will render our labours easy and agreeable. *Ubi amatur, non laboratur; ubi laboratur, labor amatur*. (St. Augustine.) May the Good Master accept our offerings so that they may descend upon every one of you in a shower of blessings, and that you may be

Dear Beloved Brethren, it is with the greatest satisfaction that we undertake this visitation, and we may say to you in all truth what St. Paul said to the Romans: *Docere enim volens non in aliquo imperio vobis gratia speravit ad confirmandos vos*. (Rom. i, 11.) We long indeed to meet you at your homes, to see the churches, chapels and pastoral residences which your generosity has raised to the glory of God and the honour of religion; to know the work required to be done in your parishes, in order that we may give you a helping hand; to discover your needs, in order that we may satisfy them within the measure of our means; to rejoice in the good reports which we shall receive of your piety and docility; to strike at the roots of whatever abuses, disorders, scandals may be found to exist, and to far as in us lies, to heal all spiritual ailments and bring back unhappy sinners to the life of grace. For the Bishop, like unto the Saviour before him, when he went through the villages of Judaea, goes among you doing good. *Pertransit benedicens*. (Act. x, 38.) The blessing which he pronounces over the heads of the kneeling multitudes is not an empty form, but it is an efficacious wish which infuses into all souls that are well disposed the graces of Jesus Christ, the charity of the Father and the communication of the Holy Ghost. *Gratia Domini Jesu Christi, et charitas Dei, et communicatio Sancti Spiritus sit cum omnibus vobis*. (Gal. xiii, 15.)

For these reasons, Dear Beloved Brethren, you should await the approach of this visitation with sentiments of joy, because closing your eyes to the weakness of our feeble humanity, your faith will present to you, in the person of your chief Pastor, the man of God dispensing his dread mysteries, the ambassador of Jesus Christ coming to you filled with grace and truth. Among other favors, we shall bestow upon you, in the sacrament of Confirmation, that Spirit of the Lord which imparts the wisdom from on high, the understanding of revealed truths, the science of the saints, prudence in the midst of dangers, strength against temptations, piety useful in all things, and the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom. *Requiescat super oves Domini, spiritus sapientie et intellectus, spiritus scientie et pietatis, et replebit eum spiritus timoris Domini*. (Is. x. 12.) Not only will the Holy Ghost heap his gifts on those who will be confirmed, but he will also renew the plenitude thereof in the hearts of the faithful, who by their prayers and their desires, will have prepared their hearts for this favored time and these days of education. He will rekindle the zeal of the pastors, and stimulate them to continue with fresh courage their work of regeneration in the midst of hardships, and the malice and ingratitude of men. He will assist the fathers and mothers of families to bring up in the Christian manner the children whom God has given them as a reward of their virtues. He will teach children of all ages, and condition the love, respect and obedience due to the authors of their days. In all he will light the fire of divine love and devotion to Holy Church. We ardently wish, Dear Beloved Brethren, that you would bring your little children to the exercises of this visitation. Their youthful imaginations will be advantageously impressed by the splendors of worship that are more than usually displayed on such occasions, and the episcopal benediction will plant in their hearts the seed of faith and religion which later will go on increasing and bearing fruit. *Sancti parvulos vestros ad nos, et ad prohibentibus eos talium sanctorum sanctorum*. (Mark. x, 14.)

Consequently, Dear Beloved Brethren, make careful preparation for the numerous favors which the Holy Ghost, through the ministration of your Bishop, is about to carry as it were into your very dwellings. *Parvuli vestri Domini*. (Matt. iii, 3.) Let the pastors, by their exhortations and explanations, dispose in advance those who are to be confirmed, and make them understand the grandeur of the sacrament which will be conferred on them. Let the parents double their watchfulness and remove from them every occasion of sin and even of dissipation. Let all live together in recollection of spirit and purity of conscience. Like the apostles and disciples enclosed in the cenacle on the eve of Pentecost, fervently raise your eyes and hearts to heaven. *Estote spiritus Domini*. To the prayer of the spirit add that mortification which is the prayer of the body, and also practise abstinence. As you are aware, abstinence is a powerful and efficacious means of satisfying the justice of God, irritated by our sins. *Evangelium ab omni peccato et omni libere*. (Tob. ii, 2.) If you have much, give much; if you have little, give little, but give with a willing heart. *Si multum tibi fuerit, abundanter tribue; si exiguum tibi fuerit, cum exiguum liberaveris imparti stude*. (Tob. iv, 9.) It is to Jesus Christ himself that you give. *Quoniam factus est vobis ex his fratribus meis minimis mihi factus*. (Matt. xxv, 40.) During the visitation, you will find the opportunity of fulfilling the precept of abstinence, thus displaying the generosity with which you are animated toward him whom the Almighty has given you as Chief Pastor and Spiritual Father.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A COLLECTION TO ESTABLISH A FUND IN ORDER TO BUILD, SOMETIME HENCE, AN EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.—DECEE.

You are aware, Dear Beloved Brethren, that the parish of Pembroke does not possess a curial residence. The house which we occupy at the present time is the personal property of Rev. Mr. Faure, who was parish priest of Pembroke, when it was the pleasure of the Vicariate of Pontiac, to transfer the residence of the vicar to the parish of St. Mary, on the 1st of May, 1883.

private family, but the distribution of the apartments is far from being adapted to a presbytery, and still less to an episcopal dwelling. Furthermore, the sum of \$800 which we are obliged to disburse for the yearly rental of the same, makes for a considerable gap in the income of our church, of which we have had so much need in paying the debts of the parish. Besides we may be forced at any moment to give up the house, the owner having reserved the right of selling it at the first favourable occasion. In such a case, we would be placed in a very awkward position. For the Bishop, our plan is as follows: For the time being, we shall content ourselves with raising the funds necessary to build a parochial residence, of ordinary style and modest proportions, yet large enough to satisfy the want of the parish and vicariate, but the edifice will be started on such a plan, that, if it became necessary to make additions later on, these might be brought about in a regular way, and without detriment to architectural symmetry.

The parishioners of Pembroke are quite ready to contribute toward the success of this project, with as much liberality as they have always shown, whenever their generosity has been appealed to in favour of diocesan works. But the large debt which still remains to be paid on the price of the building of their church, the heavy interest they have to meet every year, the numerous expenses that they will soon have to incur to finish their temple, set up pews, add a sanctuary and a sacristy, complete the tower and steeple and procure vestments and other objects, will not allow them to undertake unaided the erection of the Cathedral. It is besides, just and reasonable that all the faithful of a vicariate or diocese should contribute to provide their common Bishop and pastor with a convenient residence.

In consequence of these facts, and placing our enterprise under the protection of the Holy Family at Nazareth, we pray Jesus Mary and Joseph, poor and living on the fruits of their toil, to take it under their care. A collection toward this end will be held in the church, at all the exercises of the visitation. Further, for the sum of fifty cents, the faithful can procure a ticket on which will be printed the object of the undertaking, and the spiritual advantages attached thereto, among others, a participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which we shall offer, once a month, during five years, for all the charitable benefactors who shall have handed in this contribution of half a dollar. We have the firm conviction that not one of the faithful, at least among those who have made their first communion, will refuse us this slight offering. It is very little for each one, but the small streams form great rivers. These diverse sums placed together will make a considerable total in the end, and enable us to raise an edifice that shall do honour to the Catholics of the Vicariate.

For these reasons, having invoked the Holy Name of God, we have determined, regulated and ordained, and hereby determine, regulate and obtain the following:

1. A quarter of an hour or thereabout, after our arrival in each parish or mission, we shall make our solemn entry in the manner prescribed by the Ritual. The ceremony of entry being determined, the order of exercises will be set forth. We shall make a visit of the Tabernacle, and then the benediction of the blessed Sacrament, which will take place.

2. The Pastors shall spare neither time nor pains in preparing the children who are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They shall take care to designate at least two persons destined to serve as sponsors to those about to be confirmed. Each parish shall keep the confirmation cards or tickets in order to file them in the archives of the parish.

3. We shall make the visit of the baptismal fonts, the altar stones, the churchyard, the church and its dependencies.

4. We shall examine the accounts, as also the receipts checking the expenses of the church.

5. The parish priest shall hand us an inventory of the linen and ornaments of the church.

6. The Pastor shall prepare an historical summary of his parish or mission from its foundation. This summary will be placed at the head of the special register which we purpose having at Pembroke to preserve the archives of each parish in particular.

7. The confessors present at the visitation shall have the power to absolve from censures and reserved cases.

8. All the faithful who during the visitation will have gone to confession, receiving holy communion, and prayed according to the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, will gain a plenary indulgence.

9. Each parish shall provide the means of our transportation to the neighbouring parish.

10. The Reverend Pastors shall give timely notice to their parishioners that a collection will be made at all the exercises of the visitation and that tickets will be sold, at fifty cents each, for the construction of an episcopal residence. We rely on their zeal to ensure the success of this enterprise which we have greatly at heart.

The present Pastoral shall be read and promulgated from the pulpit at the parochial mass, in the parishes and missions of the Vicariate, on the first Sunday after the receipt thereof.

Given at Pembroke, under our hand, seal and the consent of our Secretary, this 1st day of May, 1883.

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† N. ZEPHRIN, Bishop of Cythra, Vic. Apost. of Pontiac.

By Order, F. R. DEVINE, Secretary.

His Lordship in accordance with the terms of his letter, began the visitation early in June in the parish of Sheeaboro. After a stay of two days he proceeded to Allumette Island, where he was the recipient of a hearty welcome from pastor and people. The next places visited were Coulonge, Bat-frances and Gower Point.

At Vinton, His Lordship arrived on the 11th of June, and was met with an enthusiastic welcome. This mission, as well as those of Thorae and Leslie, are in charge of that zealous priest, Rev. Father Ferreri. At Vinton Mr. Jas. Mallin read an address on behalf of the congregation. The address recited the glad feelings of the congregation on receiving its first pastor. His Lordship's fame had preceded him and they felt with the rest of the vicariate the deepest satisfaction on hearing of his appointment as their chief Pastor. The address concluded by pledging the bishop hearty obedience and submission. At Vinton His Lordship confirmed 72 persons, at Leslie 68, and at Thorne's, Father Ferreri is to be congratulated on the success of his pastoral labors in this important district.

At Bryson, the county-town of Pontiac the following address was presented to His Lordship:

My Lord: With happiness and joy we greet you as the distinguished successor of Bishop Dahamel, and grateful indeed we feel to the Holy See for having bestowed upon us a Bishop in every manner so worthy of the grand power which he represents. It was with deep regret we saw ourselves separated from the young and brilliant Bishop of Ottawa; but, my Lord, in receiving you in our midst, our hearts feel we have not been left desolate, and that our Holy Father, Leo XIII., in choosing you as Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac, pronounced your piety, zeal and talent truly worthy of the important mission entrusted to you. To so willingly take upon you, my Lord, an Apostolic burden, particularly that of Pontiac, you must indeed have been animated to the highest degree by that love, charity and zeal, which animated the Apostles of old, and which we are proud to say still distinguishes every Bishop of Canada. We feel satisfied then, my Lord, that under the divine inspiration of your teachings the holy seed sown by our predecessors will produce abundant fruit and that our holy religion will shine with renewed vigor throughout the Vicarial Mission. Happy and proud, therefore, to own you for our first pastor, we warmly hope and pray that God may grant your Lordship many long, prosperous years in our midst, and that as your children we shall, by our entire submission and perfect obedience, prove our love and respect, and strive to make the yoke of your labor as sweet and light as possible.

From the address read at Calumet Island by Mr. Simon McNally we make the following extract:

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\$250, was presented him on behalf of the congregation by our friend Mr. Gaivin.

The address was worked in the following terms:

Rev. A. Chaine, P. P.

DEAR AND RESPECTED FATHER,—On this, the eve of your departure for a visit to your native land, the members of your congregation in Arnprior cannot allow the occasion to pass without in some way expressing their love and esteem for you. Since some eight years ago, when we first had the happiness of welcoming you to Arnprior, we have been witnesses of your earnest labors for our welfare, and self-sacrificing and unremitting attention to our spiritual wants. We therefore ask you to accept this small purse as a slight token of our appreciation of your services of a holy priest and faithful worker in the Church of God. We know that you will not forget your parishioners when you kneel at the different holy shrines which you intend to visit, and we pray God that you may have a safe journey and a pleasant and happy visit to the scenes of your childhood, which we hope will be beneficial to your health; and that you may be spared to return with renewed health and vigor to receive the welcome greetings of your parishioners in Arnprior.

In replying to the address, the reverend gentleman spoke very feelingly. He acknowledged with gratitude the fact that the congregation to whose spiritual wants it had been his privilege to minister, were a genuine and believing people, and that they were generous to a fault had been proved on more than one occasion. He was fully aware that many of his congregation were not in affluent circumstances, but still they had managed to give their church and pastor a hearty support. He was very thankful to his people for the many kindnesses they had shown him since he assumed charge of the parish. He was fully convinced that many other priests could have given them better satisfaction on many points, and he was grateful that they had been so magnanimous with him, and had attended so faithfully to their religious duties. The energy and perseverance they had always shown in matters connected with church work had pleased him greatly and he thanked God that his people were endowed with such good hearts, sound judgment and clear understanding. He knew that the Bishop would be proud to know he had such good people in his Diocese. The preparation which they had seen fit to bestow upon him on this occasion was totally unexpected, and he thought, wholly unmerited. He was afraid of a demonstration such as the present, and had kept the fact of his departure from his friends until within the past few days, as he did not wish such a demonstration. He was rejoiced, however, that it was on the occasion of the feast of the Sacred Heart that this evidence of their kindly feeling had occurred, inasmuch as on each recurrence of the event, it would bring to the memory of himself and his congregation pleasant thoughts of the testimonial tendered him by kindly hearts previous to his departure on a visit to his native land. On his journeying he would not forget the prayers of his parish during his absence. Materially and spiritually he needed them, and he knew he would receive them. Next Sabbath he would be on the ocean, but his thoughts would be with his congregation, and he earnestly besought them not to neglect their duties, and ever be ready to do what God required of them. He wished them all peace and prosperity, and freedom from trouble and affliction during his absence, and commended them to God's care in tender and affecting words.

Speaking of Father Chaine, the Arnprior Chronicle pays that worthy priest a warm tribute of regard:

Since assuming charge of this parish, says that journal, Mr. Chaine has had the love and respect of our entire community, of all creeds and classes, by his courteous and kindly treatment of all with whom he came in contact, and his thorough earnestness with which he has carried out not only his priestly ministrations, but also every other matter which has been in any way to advance the interests of the community.

We wish Father Chaine a very pleasant trip and safe return to his faithful people.

LETTER FROM RALEIGH.

Last Friday evening the concert under the auspices of the trustees of the separate school took place. The entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and a lecture by Mr. O'Hagan, B. A., of Chatham, was a decided success. The vocalists were Miss A. McKeon, Miss Nellie McKeon, Mr. Peter McKeon and Mr. O'Hagan. Mr. Kemp of Chatham played several excellent pieces on the organ. The singing of Miss A. McKeon was much appreciated, especially in her sweet rendition of "A Bird from o'er the sea." There can be no doubt but that this young lady possesses a very superior voice, the elements of which, under the careful training of the Ursuline nuns, during the past six months, have assumed tones of great excellence. Mr. O'Hagan gave in his rich, spirited and powerful baritone voice "The Harp that once through Tara's halls," "The Warrior Boy" and "Man the Life Boat." But the lecture by Mr. O'Hagan was the treat of the evening. In style, thought and delivery, the lecture was a perfect gem, and should Mr. O'Hagan again visit Raleigh, in the capacity of a lecturer, he may be sure of a good audience and an enthusiastic reception.

Editor of the Catholic Record:—

DEAR SIR: Knowing that you as a Catholic journalist, are interested very much in Catholic education, and therefore always ready to receive and present to your many readers accounts of any institution which aims to educate its pupils according to the principles of our Holy Church, I venture to send a short sketch of the closing exercises of the convent established in Pembroke under the patronage of Mary Immaculate. Within the last few years this institution, which is under the devoted care of the Grey Nuns, has risen more and more in public favor, and the wide recognition of its merits is evidenced by the large number of pupils attending, not only from Canada but even from across the line.

The exercises accompanying the closing of the classes for vacation came off