

therefore be, with sentiments of a holy joy and of a very sweet confidence in God, that we shall embark for Rome on the twenty third of the next month, as we have resolved to do.

We shall find it hard, no doubt, and much so, to separate from you for a length of time of which we are still ignorant : but we hope that that time will be short ; and during this absence we shall always remain united with you in mind and heart : united in prayer, united in Our Lord. You shall always be present to our memory ; we shall bear you every where in our heart, we shall not cease to pray for you : we shall do so every day at the altar in the holy sacrifice of the mass, and especially when it shall be given to us to celebrate at the tomb of the holy Apostles, and in those other venerated sanctuaries of that metropolis of the christian world, sanctified by the blood of so many martyrs . . . and if it should not be given to us to see you again in this world ; if it should please the Lord to call us to Him during our stay in the holy city, rely upon it that after having recommended our soul to God, and received the blessing of the Holy Father, our last prayer shall be for you : yes, for you : to beseech the God of all consolation to have you in his holy keeping, and to give you a pastor according to his heart. Thus we shall remain always united with you, have always but one heart and one soul, with you, in life and in death.

We have already said that it is to fulfil a great duty of our sublime vocation :—for God, for his Church, and for you in particular, that we go to the Ecumenical Council. Ah ! what can those have to fear who do the will of God, and “ who confide in him ” . . . Does not the Holy Ghost Himself assure us that such abide under the protection of the Most-High ? . . . It is accordingly in full confidence that we shall undertake this great journey : relying on the holy keeping of God's grace, on the protection of Mary, on the protection of St. Joseph, Patron saint of this country, and on the protection of the holy Guardian Angels of this Church : protection which we implore with all the fervor of our soul, and which your prayers will help us to obtain.

Thus placing you, together with ourself, under the keeping of God and under the protection of his angels and of his saints, which we implore as much for you as for us, we shall set out without fear and without anxiety. And what completely removes from us all anxiety concerning you, is that we leave you under the guidance of an administrator competent to replace us worthily in all things. This administrator it will be sufficient to name, in order to fill you with the greatest confidence in him ; it is our most worthy Grand Vicar Mr. Charles Félix Cazeau, whose long experience in the spiritual and temporal affairs of this archdiocese, whose high capacity, sincere piety, zeal and devotedness to your