

Letter from Mexico

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Reverend Director of the Sentinel,

The unhappy political evenements gradually unfolding, during the last four years, in our loved but unfortunate country, evenements the press has not allowed you to remain in ignorance of, have now culminated in open war, against priests, Catholics and religious institutions. And this is the result of impiety that intends to destroy, in its very fundamentals, our holy religion and so lead the people to apostasy and atheism.

Everywhere we are confronted by ruined churches, closed monasteries, or what is even worse, see those sacred edifices used as saloons, theatres, masonic lodges, evil resort; everywhere we see pictures of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints profaned, ornaments and sacred vases turned to irreverent and unclean usage. Priests are outraged, martyred, imprisoned, exiled, compelled to do the most menial tasks, and made feel the pangs of hunger and thirst.

The devoted Sisters are forcibly expelled from their refuges and cloisters, and liable to every indignity when they cannot find shelter in Catholic families.

But what grieves our Catholics most is the awful blasphemies, the impious press has given voice too, against the Divine Host of our Tabernacles, and especially the frightful sacrileges committed by the soldiery enraged against the most august of sacraments, the Blessed Eucharist.

Pen cannot give details of those horrible profanations. Great enough to have provoked the just wrath of God and merited for our country chastisements, that, thanks to Benign goodness, are yet short of what it deserves. In the name of Jesus Hostie's loving sons, I implore you, Rev. Father, you whose mission is to procure the honor