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God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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CALENDAR.

- MAY 30—Sunday—Trinity Sunday.
31—Monday—St. Angela of Merici.
JUNE 1—Tuesday—St. Eleutherius, P. M.
2—Wednesday—St. Eugenius, I. P. and C.
3—Thursday—Corpus Christi. Hol. of Oblig.
4—Friday—St. Francis Carracciolo, D.
5—Saturday—St. Philip Neri.

ST. MARY'S.

There was a Pontifical High Mass, at the Cathedral on the Feast of Pentecost. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev Messrs. Hannan and Daly as Deacon and Subdeacon, and V. Rev. Mr. Conolly as Master of ceremonies. During the Mass, the Pastoral for the Jubilee was read by his Lordship. A very effective Mass was sung by the choir. The Cathedral and St. Patrick's will be open every day during the Jubilee from morning, until night, in order to afford an opportunity to the faithful of making the devout visits prescribed by the Sovereign Pontiff and there will be a benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament every evening from Corpus Christi until the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Confessionals will also be attended every day during the ensuing three weeks.

THE JUBILEE.

The Jubilee will open in this Diocese, on to-morrow, and continue for three weeks. We have already published the conditions for obtaining this Indulgence, viz:—to make two visits to the Church and to pray there for some space of time—to give alms to the poor; to fast on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, of either of the three weeks of the Jubilee, and to receive worthily the Sacraments of Penance and the Blessed Eucharist. Children not having made their first communion, are dispensed from the last condition. Confessors have power to prolong the time for Confession to any reasonable period for all

those whose spiritual wants may require it, as well as in all those cases where it is impossible for the clergyman to hear all the confessions in his District within the specified period. Those however, who wish to gain the Jubilee, should, if possible, apply for Confession within the three weeks and its completion may be then postponed at the discretion of the Confessor. Persons at sea, or on a Journey can obtain the Indulgence by performing the conditions after their return home. The two visits may be made to any Church in each District, where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered. It would be advisable that all the other conditions should be performed before that of receiving the Holy Communion.

HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS IX.—IRISH DISTRESS.

The spiritual subjects of His Holiness Pope Pius IX. in the Realm of Ireland were made early aware of the deep and powerful interest taken by the Sovereign Pontiff in this condition of our country, which, as a member of the Great Universal Church, is not second in interest to any other portion of the Christian fold. The evidences of the affliction of His Holiness at this terrible visitation of our land were early manifested—the energy and promptitude of his measures for the relief of our people were evinced in the very large personal contribution of his Holiness, and the sustainment, continuance, and support afforded by the Roman Government to the contributions for our relief. Our Holy Father has given new and decided proof that his interest in our condition and his holy zeal for our welfare are unabated, in the publication of the following Encyclical letter addressed to “all the Churches” and all the Faithful, recommending them to petition the Almighty to mitigate the sufferings of the stricken people of Ireland.

The consoling rewards which are offered by his Holiness to the faithful who join in supplicating the Throne of Mercy in this hour, will be gratefully appreciated by the Irish people.—We are in the earnest and hopeful trust that there is no Catholic Christian in this island who will not gladly and promptly avail himself of the spiritual advantages which are so gracious-