

# THE CROSS.



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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.

- Aug. 23—XII after Pentecost.  
24—St Felix.  
25—St Bartholomew Apost.  
26—St Zephyrinus.  
27—St Joseph Calasanctius.  
28—St Augustine.  
29—Decollation of Saint John Baptist.

## ADDRESS OF THE IRISHMEN OF CLARE, TO THE RIGHT REV. DR. WALSH.

*May it please your Lordship,—*

We, the undersigned, being in this instance the representatives of the feelings and wishes of the few Irishmen resident in this and the adjacent township, present ourselves thus in order to congratulate your Lordship in the sincerity of our hearts on your pastoral visit to Clare, which is now a part of your Lordship's Diocese.

We hail with satisfaction and delight the presence of a Prelate in the person of an Irish patriot in this section of the Province of Nova Scotia—a Prelate, who is undeniably the pride and ornament of the Catholic Church in the North American Colonies, whose profound erudition, sincere piety, and pure benevolence form an additional proof that Ireland, lovely Ireland, is the birth place as well as the nursery, of all virtue, and illustrious in religion,—ever sending forth faithful and unconquerable champions of her holy and unsullied faith, and disseminating from East to West, and from North to South, those salutary instructions, and spiritual consolations which impart divine light to benighted nations, and effect the conversion of the most impious idolators.

We are extremely happy to learn that the business,—the important business on which your lordship went to Rome—was adjusted in an amicable and satisfactory manner by his late Holiness Pope Gregory XVIth, who governed the Church of God with wisdom and prudence, and in “the faithful keeping of that which was committed to his trust.”

In thus addressing your Lordship, we cannot pass unnoticed our exemplary and esteemed pastors the Rev. Messrs. Byrne and McLeod, of whom the law of conscience and a due sense of the interests of religion, oblige us to make honourable mention. Since they came to this charge they have been most assiduous in the performance of their sacerdotal functions, having willingly submitted to the heavy bodily fatigue consequent on their attendance at several chapels considerably apart from each other. Our sincere conviction is, that they are worthy clergymen “rightly handling the word of truth.”

While thus alluding to the unceasing vigilance and christian demeanor of the Rev. gentlemen whom your Lordship, in the exercise of paternal charity, has placed over us, it would ill accord with that love of justice, by which true born Irishmen are distinguished in all parts of the habitable world, not to bear testimony to the pious deportment and intrinsic worth of the Rev. Messrs. Connolly, Nugent, and Hannan, who, during their special mission in Clare, evinced a zeal truly characteristic of the Minister of Christ in holding forth the lamp of God to a long neglected people.

We would now, in all earnestness, solicit permission to assure your Lordship that our orisons shall ever be most fervently offered up from the