

eight oxen and as many men, with crowbars, to roll some of the rocks which were uprooted. On the third day a High Mass of Thanksgiving was offered up, and Mr. Conolly delivered an exhortation in French and English. We sincerely congratulate those good people on the cheering results of their edifying exertions. They have not forgotten the faith of their fathers. They have built a Temple to the living God, and thereby performed a most acceptable work in his sight. It is only the children of the Faith who can exhibit such a spectacle. The blessing of heaven will assuredly reward their devotion to the House of God.

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ST. MARY'S.

On the Feast of the Guardian Angels the imposing rite of Ordination was solemnized in our Cathedral, when the Rev. William McLeod received the plenitude of the priesthood. The Bishop was assisted in this sacred function by the Rev. Messrs. Phelan, Tracy, Carmody, Nugent, and McIsaac.

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On Saturday, 4th instant, the Bishop established, and confirmed the Rules of a Juvenile Society, called the Society of St. Aloysius, in order to ensure regularity and decorum in the service of the Altar at St. Mary's, and to promote a spirit of devotion amongst those interesting children who perform so many duties in connection with the choir and the sanctuary. The Society is open to all the Catholic youths of the City who shall be recommended by the Clergy, and who may wish to grow up in the fear of the Lord, in the enclosure of the sanctuary. None, but members of this society, will in future be admitted to serve at the Altar. It is expected that members will approach the holy tribunal of Penance, at least once a month, and four General Communion will take place every year—viz.: on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, March 25, the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, that angelical youth who is the holy Patron of the Society, the Feast of the Guardian Angels, October 2, and the Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28. The Bishop distributed books and various articles connected with divine service, for the use of the members. The Society is placed under the immediate superintendence of the Clergy. "It is good for a man when he has borne the yoke from his

youth." Early discipline will render the observance of the divine law comparatively easy. The saints who grew up in the shadow of the sanctuary received many precious graces from heaven. Their youth was joyful because it was spent in the company of God at his holy altar. "Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam." Their maturer age was happy because they found the yoke of the Lord sweet, and his burthen light.

The Bishop has also appointed St. Aloysius as the Patron of Studies at St. Mary's College. A meeting of the Trustees of the College was held on Saturday, when various regulations for the future management of the College were adopted.

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A beautiful Sanctuary Lamp, which was purchased on the Continent of Europe, has been recently suspended before the Altar of the Cathedral. It burns in honour of the Most Holy and Adorable Eucharist, and intimates the presence in the Tabernacle, of Jesus, our "Hidden God," the "True Light which enlightens every man coming into this world." May the Lamp of the Sanctuary perpetually enkindle in the hearts of the faithful, the fire of divine love, and attract many fervent adorers to the God of Love residing on our Altars!

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A handsome and substantial carpet for the Altar and Choir has been presented to St. Mary's, by Mr. Michael Bennett.

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On Sunday last, the solemnity of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, an interesting ceremony performed by the Bishop immediately before the High Mass. Two beautiful statues were solemnly blessed according to the rite in the Roman Pontifical. They are placed in niches, at each side of the High Altar. One of them is singularly curious and valuable for its age, its workmanship, and the material of which it is composed. It is a statue of the Blessed Virgin and the Divine Infant, of stone, as old as the thirteenth century, in excellent preservation, and repainted and gilt according to the style of that epoch. This valuable relic of the middle ages has been an object of religious veneration for at least five hundred years, and possesses the highest degree of interest not only for