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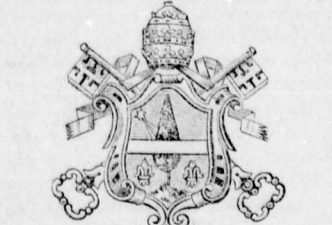


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CIRCULAR LETTER OF HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP-ELECT OF TORONTO TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF LONDON.

Bishop's Palace, London, September 23rd, 1889. REV. AND DEAR FATHERS—Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. has recently addressed to the Bishops of the Universal Church an important Encyclical letter, an English translation of which we herewith submit.

Whetting yourselves and flock every requisite grace and blessing. I am, dear Rev. Fathers, Yours faithfully in Christ, JOHN WALSH, Archbishop-Elect of Toronto.



ON THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH AND THE VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD DURING THE STRESS OF THESE TIMES. To our Venerable Brethren the Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, and other Ordinaries, in Peace and Union with the Holy See.

Although we have already many times ordered special prayers to be offered up in the whole world, that the interests of Catholicism might be instantly recomended to God, none will deem it matter for surprise that we consider the present moment an opportune one for again inculcating the same duty.

author and protector, by recourse to the intercession of the saints—and chiefly of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God—whose patronage has ever been the most efficacious. The fruit of these pious prayers and of the confidence reposed in the Divine goodness, has always, sooner or later, been made apparent. Now, Venerable Brethren, you know the times in which we live; they are scarcely less deplorable for the Christian religion than the worst days, which in time past were most full of misery to the Church.

This is the reason why we have considered it necessary to turn to the Christian people and urge them to implore, with increased zeal and constancy, the aid of Almighty God. At this proximity of the month of October, which we have already consecrated to the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary, we earnestly exhort the faithful to persevere in the exercise of this month with, if possible, even more piety and constancy than heretofore. We know that there is sure help in the maternal goodness of the Virgin, and we are very certain that we shall never vainly place our trust in her.

The special motives for which St. Joseph has been proclaimed Patron of the Church, and from which the Church looks for singular benefit from his patronage and protection, are that Joseph was the spouse of Mary and that he was reputed the Father of Jesus Christ. From these sources have sprung his dignity, his holiness, his glory. In truth, the dignity of the Mother of God is as lofty that might create can rank above it. But as Joseph has been united to the Blessed Virgin by the ties of marriage, it may not be doubted that he approached nearer than any to the eminent dignity by which the Mother of God surpasses not only all created natures. For marriage is the most intimate of all unions which from its essence imparts a community of gifts between those that by it are conjoined together.

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Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girl it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.

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Howe last winter would have led us into. The English speaking majority of this Province should be mainly enough to respect the racial differences which always exist in a country that covers any considerable area. Such differences sometimes exist even in countries as small as Switzerland, but the dominant race there is usually considerate in its tone towards the minority.

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Washington, D. C., Sept. 24—Senator Plumb, of Kansas, has been here for two days, complaining to Secretary Noble of the way Indian Commissioner Morgan