

special Indulto, dated 22nd January last, he has condescended to authorize us to celebrate, by a *Triduum* or three days of solemn devotion, the dogmatic decree defining the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and to grant a partial indulgence of seven years and as many forty days, in favour of all the faithful, for each day they shall assist at, and follow the prescribed devotional exercises, and moreover a plenary indulgence in favour of all those, who shall receive sacramental penance and the Holy Eucharist, assist at the three days exercises, and, on the last, will pray according to his intention; His Holiness allows those indulgences to be applied in behalf of the souls in Purgatory; and, in order to favour the piety of the faithful and heighten the solemnity of the *Triduum* in honor of the blessed Virgin, he permits us to sing the High Mass of the Immaculate Conception, on each of the three days.

We exhort you, D. B. B., to avail yourselves of these indulgences, which in your regard, may be considered as the first fruits of grace and the first emanations of blessings resulting from the belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

WHEREFORE, we have decreed, and do by these presents decree what follows:—

1st. There will be celebrated, with all possible pomp, in all the Parishes and Missions throughout the Diocese, a *Triduum* of prayers, to return thanks to the Almighty for the publication of the dogmatic decrees of our Holy Father the Pope defining the Immaculate Conception.

2nd. The *Triduum* will be celebrated in the Cathedral, on the three first days in May next. With respect to the other churches in the city, wherein public service is held, as well as to the Rural Districts, the Parish Priests, Chaplains and Missionaries, are authorized to make choice of any other three days within the said month which may be deemed most convenient; the religious communities shall enjoy the same privilege in favor of the persons attached to their houses.

3rd. During the *Triduum*, a solemn High Mass of the Immaculate Conception will be sung on each day, unless such day should occur with the festival of the Ascension, the day or Vigil of Pentecost, in which case the Mass should be the one proper to the Festival. Mass will conclude with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, wherein should be sung the Litanies of the Blessed Virgin, of which the last invocation *Regina sine labe concepta, ora pro nobis*, is to be repeated three times, and followed by the *Tantum ergo*, versicle and prayer.

4th. The Bull of His Holiness, promulgating the abovementioned decree, shall be read in its entirety during the *Triduum*. It is left to the option of the Pastors either to read the Bull at full length once, or so to distribute the reading of it, as to assign a part for each day.