

"out of thy law." And this happiness you have found, it has been given to you, in the Catholic Church, in the Church of God, which you call your mother. Love her therefore, that holy mother; cling to her from your very entrails; do not cease to thank the Lord for having granted you the grace to be amongst her children; be always docile to her voice: her voice is the voice of God. That voice she is about to raise in her approaching Council, to speak to you in the name of God: and by that voice of his Church God himself will speak to you and will reveal to you his divine teachings and the precepts of his holy law. Lend an attentive ear that you may hear them; prepare your minds and your hearts to receive them with love; and pray, redouble your prayers for the Fathers of the Council: conjure the Lord to give an all powerful virtue to their words, "that they may be heard unto the inmost parts of the earth," that they may awaken all men and all nations; that they may enlighten all minds; that they may penetrate all hearts, and make them all enter into the paths of truth, justice and salvation.

It is with this holy thought that the Sovereign Pontiff has convoked the Oecumenical Council. Such is the wish of his great soul: it is the prayer of all the children of the Church, of all the just of the earth; it is the most ardent of our prayers; let it be therefore also the most fervent of yours.

This unanimous concert of prayer of all the saints which constantly ascends from all parts of the earth, to the throne of God, is just what consoles the heart of the Holy Father, what fills him with the hope of obtaining all the good he expects from his Council, and to see at last what he does not cease to ask of God day and night: the end of the evils which he endures, for the cause of truth, and the triumph of the Church. He has heard and he has meditated those words of the Saviour of the world: "Think you that God will not revenge his elect who cry to him day and night? and will he have patience in their regard? I say to you that he will quickly revenge them." And it is written: "The Angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them that fear him: and shall deliver them." "The eyes of the Lord are upon the just: and his ears unto their prayers."

Thus it is that all the faithful of the world are enabled to participate in the work of the Council and in the triumph of the Church, every one according to his vocation: you by your prayers, and we, by our presence and our labors in that holy assembly. What happiness for all! What consolation for you to have there your deputy, and to be present there, in some manner, in the person of your old Archbishop, and what glory, and what joy for us to appear there as the representative of the Church of Quebec, and work there in her name. It shall