

CURRENT EVENTS ABROAD

AN ordination. The ordinations that generally take place at our house of study (Beauplateau-Belgium) have had this year a special character which is worthy of being pointed out to the attention of our readers. Amongst those ordained were two sons of Canada who left it some years ago to prosecute their studies in Belgium and who at last saw the blessed day of their priesthood dawn before their eyes.

The bishop who officiated at the ceremony was the brother of our Very Reverend Father Provincial, Monseigneur Jerome Van Aertselaer, bishop of Zaria in Central Mongolia. « Oh how true an image this is of the Catholic church, exclaimed one who was present. A Pontiff from the extreme Orient consecrating a son of the extreme Occident ! Children of the New World receiving the holy anointing from the hands of a bishop of the Asiatic Church ! This was a spectacle that the Roman Church alone can offer to the world ; it was a slight but beautiful beam of the Catholicity of the Spouse of Jesus Christ ! »

After the ordination the senior of the new priests expressed to Monseigneur in eloquent terms, his own feelings and those of his colleagues : gratitude to God for that sublime dignity ; gratitude to the bishop who had conferred it upon them.

Monseigneur replied to those words in a language full of affection for his new sons in the priesthood and full of cordiality for the Congregation of which they are members. The remembrance of this ordination will long remain engraved in the memory of the fortunate inhabitants of Beauplateau.

May those who were privileged on that day be for ever true priests in God's house ! The Church of Canada especially will be grateful to Catholic Belgium which, after watching over the adolescence of its children will soon send them back to her with the aureola of the priesthood on their brows and the missionary's cross on their hearts.

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Never sleep with enmity in your heart against anybody.

Never have much to say about yourself to strangers.

Never put a stone in the way of the timid-hearted.

Never take a step without asking God to lead you.

Never live where you wouldn't be willing to die.