

## Solemn Homage

TO JESUS CHRIST THE REDEEMER



It is consoling to observe that Mary is no more separated from Jesus in the homages paid by Catholics to the Divine Redeemer, at the opening of a new century than she is in the designs of Divine Providence.

The third congress of Turin, held solely in honor of the Blessed Virgin, closed with enthusiastic cries of: « Hail Jesus! Hail Mary! »

More striking still, no doubt, will be the congress that His Eminence Cardinal Coullié, Archbishop of Lyons, intends to convene in that great city so devoted to *Notre Dame de Fourvière*. Leo XIII has written the following to the eminent prelate:

« No better city could have been selected for holding a congress in honor of Mary. »

Side by side with congresses, extraordinary pilgrimages are being organised to the famous shrines of the Immaculate Virgin, especially to Loretto and Lourdes.

And shall we, Catholics of the new world, do nothing in honor of our heavenly Mother? Pardon my boldness if I venture to propose that you should consecrate yourself or renew your act of consecration to the most pure Heart of Mary, the immortal Queen of ages.

Assuredly, whether we will or not, we belong to Mary. By grace and by privilege she is the Queen of the universe as Jesus is by nature its King. This is shown in a masterly manner by St. Alphonsus in his beautiful book on the *Glories of Mary*: « The august Virgin Mary, he says, having been raised to the dignity of mother of the *King* of kings, holy Church is right in honoring her and in requiring all to honor her with the glorious title of Queen. If the Son is King says St. Athanasius, the mother is entitled to be considered a queen and to bear the name. When Mary consented to be the Mother of the Verb eternal, at the very instant and by the same consent, she earned and obtained the sovereignty of the earth, dominion over