

commendable custom, we offer you our good wishes. Believe us that they are not, as is often the case, the expression of an empty form. In all the sincerity of our soul, and in the love that we bear you in Jesus Christ, we wish you health, happiness and success in your holy enterprises. Above all, we wish you that peace that the Christ of Bethlehem came to bring upon the earth: *et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.* (Luke, ii, 14); that peace so sweet which the world ignores, but which He gives his faithful servants: *Pacem relinquo vobis, pacem meam do vobis, non quomodo mundus dat, ego do vobis.* (Joan. xiv, 27); that repose of conscience which excels in sweetness all the enjoyments of earth: *et pax Dei quæ exuperat omnem sensum.* (Phil. iv, 7); that tranquility in the pursuit of good which is a gift of the Holy Spirit and which presupposes a host of virtues in the soul. *Fructus autem spiritus est charitas, gaudium, pax, patientia, benignitas, bonitas, longanimitas, mansuetudo, fides, modestia, continentia, castitas.* (Gal. v, 22-23).

We bless you in all affection, as also the good families entrusted to your care.

On the first Sunday, after receipt thereof, you will read from your pulpit such parts of this Circular as regard the faithful, especially that which has reference to the promulgation of the decrees of the Council.

We remain very sincerely

Beloved Colleagues,

Your devoted Servant.

+ *N. Zepherin, Bishop of Athora*  
*and*  
*Vic. Apost. of Pontiac.*