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the Clergy, Religious Orders and laity of the Diocese, Health and iction in the Lord.

early Beloved:

in of created things is the only rible and creditable one ever tten,-"In the beginning God creheaven and earth." The true of the existence of visible er is at once assigned, nanner and process of its transtion are not specified. act was a creative one, ed the direct action of an In-Power. Hence, without any uity, it is attributed-and neso-to God. Human reafor evolution can only begin from the visible things of crethey did not understand God's rnal Power also, and Divinity." od created heaven and earth." saw His glory, the glory as it were toward the Blessed Virgin; and we have always cherished tor of our faith," it surely follows Apostle says, "members of His body body and His flesh and of His bones" on, to what extent, and in what full of grace and truth." (John i. of our desires in the fervor of all be recognized as participating in the (Eph. v., 30), have come forth from anner secondary causes, acting un- 14). of time has, elapsed from "the be- tor. Christ. repeating the error of astrologers, seek to explain the supernatural by what they have learned concerning natural phenomena. toral letter to his flock? Have they istence of God, but from revelation And even overlooking these gifts, tears that the malediction had not all learned, and do they not all believe that "in the beginning God Trinity, as well as the Incarnation Council so opportunely convoked, or of her when shut up in the ark of created heaven and earth"? True; of God the Son, and His will in one of 'Papal infallibility so suitably safety, and Abraham when prevented but this blessed and consoling gift regard. which we call Faith, is exposed to continual danger, at times unthinkingly, at times perhaps, wilfully. The greater part of modern literature is replete with erroneous principles and false doctrines, all the more dangerous on account of the language with which they are clothed, and the suggestive rather than the dogmatic form in which they are set forth. Thoughtless Catholics, young and old, read these works from which no possible moral, or intellectual good, rather a coarsening of the finer moral faculties, and a clouding of the intellect, is to be derived. The continual and indiscriminate reading of

the works issuing from the press is always highly dangerous, and fre-quently criminal. Catholic Faith, and Catholic principles of morality are too precious to be lightly exposed to danger. Others, again, are brought into daily contact with those who have

accepted false principies, because true ones had never been taught them. Their actions and conversation naturally reflect and tend to preach those same principles. Hence the necessity of reminding our peo-ple of the great truths of Revelation, and of exposing the flimsiness of, and utter want of logical reasoning in the arguments commonly

employed against them What is taught in the first chapter of Genesis, regarding Creation is more fully and explicitly repeated in the first chapter of St. John. Therewhilst in is revealed the "mystery that had been hidden from ages and gen-The erations," viz., Thrist Jesus. (Colos. and i. 26). We are told that "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Moreover, that "all things were made by Him; and withrightly employed, can prove out Him was made nothing that was made." Not only this, but "in Him e-existing matter. It does not was life, and the Life was the Light ace, it only modifies, or devel- of Men." It was no false light, no It was no false light, no Hence the Apostle, held as in-sable, "Those men that detain truth of God in injustice," be- which enlighteneth every man that which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world." The holy Apostle pathetically tells us that this One in whom was life, "was in that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, n. i. 20). What judgment would the world, and the world was made in the first instant of her Conception great Apostle pass on those by Him, and the world knew Him was free from all stain of original of to-day who cannot find a not. He came unto His Own, and sin. All the world knows the feel-in their investigations into the His Own received Him not." This ings with which the faithful of all in and constitution of matter, sad account of an historical event is the nations of the earth received this who bid us accept as a sufficient followed by the joyful and hope-in-anation of the beauty, order, har-spiring words: "But as many as re-of public satisfaction and joy which lanation of the beauty, order, har-'spiring words: "But as many as re-ay and overpowering grandeur of ceived Him, He gave them power to greeted it, for truly there has not universe, blind forces, the cause be made the sons of God, to them been in the memory of man any whose existence is unknown and that believe in His name." We are more universal or more uncontrastmowable. Yet, this is the dreary not left to guess at, or speculate on ed expression of sentiment shown d unscientific conclusion of so-call-the identity of this wonderful Word "Modern Science;" this the teach-by whom all things were made, in g given in great institutions of whom was life, who was the true And, Venerable Brothers, why uman learning, to the sons of poor Light of the world, and who gave to should we not hope that to-day, af-cluded parents who measure the those who believe in His name pow-cholarship of their Professors by er to be made the sons of God, for we renew the remembrance of the amount of the annual fees; this the Apostle leaves no doubt on that Immaculate Virgin, that an echo of doctrine which callow seekers head. He was not speaking in par- that holy joy will be awakened in the doctrine which callow seekers head. 'He was not speaking in par-inter notoriety proclaim from pulpit,' ables, nor clothing some unknown in platform. Now, whilst they may hink it an evidence of emancipation of the "middle personal Being who was Himself rom the superstition of the "middle personal Being who was Himself they should recognize the self-stultion of the sufficient of earth as Jesus Christ. For he sirous by the devotion united with hey should recognize the self-stultion of the superstitue of earth as Jesus Christ. For he sirous by the devotion united with hey for hey should recognize the self-stultion of the superstitue of the superstitu ion of rejecting a conclusion of says: "And the Word was made supreme gratitude for benefits receiv-t reason, viz., "In the beginning flesh and dwelt among us (and we ed, which we have always cherished

the impulse, and in accordance chapter our intelligence is called are to multiply their testimonies of manner the plan of the Creator, away from a contemplation of the divine with the plan of the Creator, away from a contemplation of the love and reverence for the great Mast that upon her as upon a founda- spiritually and mystically we are wrought the subsequent changes material and visible objects around ther of God. But we must not which geology reveals, what period us, to reflect on the invisible Crea- omit to say that this desire of ours time has elapsed from "the be- tor. We cannot, of course, compre- is especially stimulated by a species ies. ning" until our day, are all legi- hend that Infinite Being; we must of secret instinct which leads us to timate objects of research; but pro- have human thoughts, and human believe that not far distant is the How think otherwise? . Could not L. de St. Virginitate, ch. 6.) fitable only as a satisfaction of the standards of comparison and meas- fulfillment of those great hopes to God have given us in another intelligence, not as an explanation urements in regard to Him, just as which, certainly not rashly, the sol- than through the Virgin the Re- Since the Blessed Virgin is the Mo-of the mystery which is hidden in the Apostle has to use human forms emn promulgation of the dogma of deemer of the human race and the ther at once of God and of men, who We smile to-day at the of speech. But, because this weak, the Immaculate Conception opened Founder of the Faith? But since can doubt that she uses all means predictions of astrology which, in an human language does not adequate- the minds of Pius IX., our predeces- Divine Providence has been pleased to obtain from Christ, "the head of earlier age, were made by men deep-ly describe Him, nor because our sor, and of all the Bishops of the ly versed in astronomy. Why? Not because these men did not know cannot, fully comprehend Him, it many useful facts concerning the posi- does not follow that He is a vague Many, it is true, lament the fact breast, it only remains for us to tions and motions of the heavenly bo- and impersonal force, as so many that until now these hopes have been receive tions and motions of the heavenly bo-dies, but because they endeavored to use that knowledge to draw conclu-sions in matters with which it had no relation. To-day, the thoughtful smile, as everyone, a few years hence, will, at the pretensions of men who, fully



ENCYCLICAL LETTER

Of the Holy Father-Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception

Pius Pope X—Venerable Brothers, Health

and the Apostolic Blessing

An interval of a few months will again bring round that most happy offy years ago. Our day on which, fifty years ago, Our Predecessor, Pius IX., Pontifi of holy authority of the infallible magisterium that it was revealed by God

that in the dispensation of Divine Providence when evils reach their limit deliverance is not far on? "Her time is near at hand and her days shall not be prolonged. For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob and choose one out of Israel." (Isaias xiv., 1.) Wherefore the hope we cherish is not. a vain one that we, too, may before long repeat: "The Lord hath broken the staff of the , wicked, the rod of the rulers. The whole earth is quiet and still, it is glad and hath rejoiced." (Ibid. 5 and 7.)

But the first and chief reason, Venerable Brothers, why the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the in that restoration of all things in Christ which we have already proposed in our first encyclical ietter. For can any one fail to see that Christ and obtaining through Ilim the perfect adoption of sons, that we may be holy and immaculate in the sight of God? For if to Mary it was truly said: "Blessed art thou who hast believed because in thee

mystery of the Incarnation, which is the beginning and the foundation of faith? Mary not only preserved and meditated on the events of Bethlehem and the facts which took place in Jerusalem in the Temple of the Lord, but sharing as she did the thoughts and the secret wishes of Christ, she may be said to have lived the very life of her Son. Hence nobody ever knew Christ so pro-toundly as-she did, and nobody can ever be more competent as a guide and teacher of the knowledge of Christ.

Hence it follows, as we have al-ready pointed out, that the Virgin is more powerful than all others as a means for uniting mankind with Christ. Hence, too, since according to Christ Himself? "Now this is eternal life: That they may know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent,' (John xvi., 13), and as we obtain the knowledge of through Mary Christ, through Mary also we gain more easily that life of Christ is the fount and principle. And if we consider how many and how potent are the causes which render this most Holy Mother all eagerness to bestow upon us these precious gifts, oh! how our hope will increase.

For is not Mary the Mother of Christ? Wherefore is she our Mother also. We are all bound to believe that Jesus, the Word made dogma of the Immaculate Conception Flesh, is also the Saviour of the hushould excite a singular fervor in man race. Now, as the Man-God He the souls of Christians lies for us had a physical body like every other man; and as Saviour of the human family He had a spiritual and mysfamily He had a spinned society of tical body, that is, the society of "We those who believed in Christ. there is no surer or more direct are many in one body in Christ." road than Mary for uniting all in (Rom. xii., 5.) But the Virgin conceived the Eternal Son not only that He might be made man, taking his human nature from her; but also that by means of the nature assumed from her, He might be the Redeemer of mankind. Hence the angel's words shall be fulfilled the things that have been said to thee by the Lord." to you a Saviour, who is Christ the (Luke i., 45)—that she would receive Lord." (Luke ii., 11.) In the bosand bring forth the Son of God; and om, then, of His most chaste Mother, if she did receive in her breast Him Christ took to Himself human flesh Dom.) The Son of God made man of the Saviour. Hence, all of us who being the "author and consumma-tor of our faith," it surely follows Apostle says, "members of His body be recognized as participating in the (Eph. v., 30), have come forth from

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Meeting Called to Institute One In 1 Canada

Ottawa, March 2 .- After Pontifical High Mass this morning at the Basilica, His Excellency Monsignor Sharretti, Papal Delegate to Canada. called a convention to prepare material for a Plenary Council of Canada.

Delegates had been summoned from all the ecclesiastical provinces of the Dominion, and the following were in attendance at the conference, which met in secret:

Quebec-Monsignor C. A. Marois, V. G. of Quebec Archdiocese; Mgr. L. A. Paquette, professor of theology in Laval University.

Montreal-Very Rev. A. McDonald, V.G. of the Diocese of Antigonish, and Rev. Jean Le Vallois, an Eudist Father professor of Halifax Seminary

Toronto-Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G. of Toronto, and Very Rev. J. Meunier, V.G. of London E.

Kingston-Very Rev. John Master-son, V.G. of Kingston, and parish priest of Prescott; Ven. Archdeacon D. J. Casey, parish priest of Lind-

Ottawa-Rev. R. M. Rouleau, O.P., professor of theology at Dominican Seminary; Rev. E. Latulippe, rector of Pembroke Cathedral.

St. Boniface-Rev. M. Froc, O.M. ., professor of theology at Ottawa University.

The other delegate is not named. Vancouver-Very Rev. Dr. J. E. Emery, O.M.I., rector of Ottawa University, and Rev. W. Murphy, O. M.I., rector of St. Joseph's church, Ottawa.

The jurisdictions are:

Quebec, including Quebec, Three Rivers, Nicolet, Rimouski and Chicoutimi.

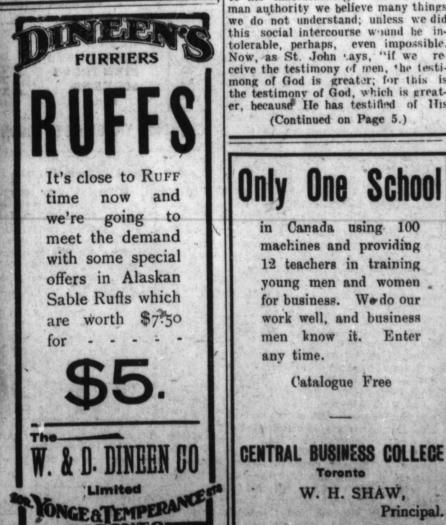
Montreal: Montreal, St. Hyscinthe, Sherbrooke and Valleyfield.

Halifax: Halifax, St. John, Chat-ham, Antigonish and Charlottetown. Toronto: Toronto, London, Hamilton

Kingston: Kingston, Peterboro, and Alexandria. Ottawa. Ottawa and Pembroke.

St. Boniface: St. Boniface, St. Albert, Saskatchewan and Atnabaska. Vancouver Island: Vancouver, New

Westminster, McKenzie and Yukon. In a plenary council, all the Bishof a country or nation take ops part, for the purpose of legislating in matters of ecclesiastical discipline for the session at the Archbishop's palace are called to prepare matter for such a council. They are theologians of distinction, and though not arehbishops or bishops, most of them are er, spiritually but truly, of the mem-bers of Christ which are." (St. Aug. vicars-general of dioceses and archdioceses



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we are to learn the mystery of the what is to be said of the Vatican brought into his eyes. Noah thought

of revealed knowledge, St. John, in that new and unprecedented fervor angels ascended and descended; Moses eternal generation of the Son, the and of every nation have long been which burned but was not consomed; Creation of the world by Him, and flocking to venerate in person the David escorting the ark of God with the fact of His incarnation and ap-Vicar of Christ? Surely the Pro- dancing and psalmody; Elias as he the fact of His incarnation and ap-pearance amongst men of whom the vidence of God has shown itself ad-looked at the little cloud that rose Apostle himself was one. Now, mirable in our two predecessors, Pius out of the sea. In fine, after Christ, "Faith cometh by hearing," (Rom. x. and Leo, who ruled the Church in we find in Mary the end of the law 17) not by a process of reasoning, most turbulent times with such great and the fulfillment of the figures and nor But the mind must be disposed to cate conceded to no other before accept the truth. The individual has them? the right to demand motives of cre- Pius IX. proclaimed as a dogma of dibility for his belief; but he has no Catholic faith the exemption of Mary right to exact that the matter re- from the original stain, than the Virvealed shall be made perfectly clear gin herself began in Lourdes those to his understanding. On mere hu- wonderful manifestations, followed man authority we believe many things by vast amd magnificent movements

we do not understand; unless we did which have produced those two temtolerable, perhaps, even impossible. ther, where the prodigies which still number of the first which Jesus won for could have better than His Mother a by His death and His blood. ceive the testimony of men, the testi- intercession furnish splendid argu- able/mysteries of the birth and childmong of God is greater; for this is ments against the incredulity of our the testimony of God, which is great-er, because He has testified of His Witnesses then as we are of all (Continued on Page 5.) those great benefits which God has granted through the benign influence of the Virgin in those fifty years now about to be completed, why

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the nature of the intellectual make no effort to penetrate the works Lamb that is to rule the world will perception. We can, therefore, and of God or to estimate them with the be sent-but He will be sent from the do know that there is a God, al- light of truth. For who can number rock of the desert; the flower will though we cannot describe Him by the secret gifts of grace which God blossom-but it will blossom from Why, it may be asked, should a Ca-, words, nor comprehend His Infin- has bestowed upon His Church the root of Jesse. Adam, the father tholic Bishop enter into such ques- iey with our finite minds. As we- through the intercession of the Bless- of mankind, looked to Mary crushing tions as these when addressing a pas- fore said, reason can prove the ex- ed Virgin throughout this period? the serpent's head, and he dried the

> to | With a surety and clearness born were about to arise? or finally of at the sight of the ladder on few sentences, makes known the with which the faithful of all classes amazed at the sight of the bush by seeing and comprehending, holiness through a length of Pontifi- oracles. ples dedicated to the Immaculate Mo-

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he body bosom of Mary manner the guardian of them, and ited to its head. It follows that

> the body of the Church" (Coloss, i. 18), that He transfuses His gifts through His members and above all the gift of knowing Him and of "liv-ing by Him." I. John iv., 9.) . . .

Furthermore, the most Holy Mother had not only the honor of "having given the substance of His flesh to the Only Begotten Son of God Who was to be born with human members. (Ven. Bede. L. iv., In Luc, xi.); from ily of six children grew up. The whose substance the victim was to family be prepared for the salvation of men; Flos; Patrick of Bruce Mines; T homas but she was also entrusted with the of Chicago, and John and Miss Mary charge of guarding and nourishing A. at home, and Mrs. Lachapell of the victim and of presenting Him for the. "Soo," Mrs. McAvoy was a the sacrifice at the appointed time. sister of Mr. John Hussey of Mt. Hence that never broken communion St. Louis, Mr. Wm. Hussey of the of life and labor between the Son "Soo," and Mr. Patrick Hussey of and the Mother, so that of both the the State of Michigan, and Mrs. Con-Prophet's words are true: "My life nor, also of that state. The funeral is being consumed in sorrow and my years in moanings?" (Ps. XXX. II.) And when the last hour of the Son Those arrived, "there stood by the cross of Jesus His Mother," not occupied four sons and two sons and two merely in contemplation of the cruel spectacle, but rejoicing that "her Only-Begotten was offered for the sal-vation of the human race," and also participating in His passion that had it been possible, "she would much more willingly have suffered Then again, no sooner had through her more than any other all the torments which Her Son suffered as a dogma of through her more than any other suffered." (St. Bonay, Sent. d. 48 ad Litt, dub. 4.) And by this comreaching the knowledge of Jesus munion of pain and of will between Christ and Mary "she merited to become most worthily the restorer of the lost world" (Eadmeri Men. de excellentia Virginis Mariae, ch. 9) and hence too, the Dispenser of all Who the gifts which Jesus won for us

> We do not deny that the distribution of these gifts belongs by strict and peculiar right to Christ, since they are the fruit of His death, and He is of Himself the Mediator be tween God and man. Yet, by that participation we have described of pain and sorrow of the Mother and her Son, it was granted to the au gust Virgin "to be with her Onlythe most potent Begotten Son, mediatrix and conciliatrix in all the earth," (Pius IX. · Bull Ineffabilis) Christ is therefore the fount "and of His fulness we have all received" (John 1, 16); "from whom the whole body being compactly and fitly joined together, by what every joint supplieth, according to the operation in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in charity" (Eph iv., 16); Mary, as St. Bernard justly remarks, is "the channel" (Sermo de temp. in Nativ, B. Mariae Virg. de A 2-Drawer Typewriter Stand, size of Top 36 x 20 inches, made in elm, wood, nicely finished. Price the body is united to the head, and head sends life and strength ough the body. "For she is the through the body. "For she is the neck of our Head through which The Office Specialty Mfg. Co. Limited To His mystical body." (St. Bern-ardine of Sienna, Quadreg, de evange-lie acterne, Serm, x, a 3 ch. 3.) From all this it is clear we are Very far from attributing to (Continued on Page 8.)

The Late Mrs. McAvoy

The early pioneers of Flos are gradually being called to answer the finall summons, and Mrs. Thos. Mc-Avoy is the most recent. On Thursday the illness which confined her to her home terminated fatally and that township loses one of its most highly esteemed residents by her death:

Mrs. Margaret McAvoy was a na-tive of the County of Galway, Ireland, and married at the early age of 19. After her marriage they located on their present property on the town-line of Flos, where a famis composed of Henry of at Phelpston on Monday was largely

and Frank McAvoy. Her husband, Mr. Thomas McAvoy, who has been seriously ill for some time, was able to attend the funeral. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Gearin, who also preached the funer-al service in the presence of a very large congregation.



