

far the business chiefly lay with the congregation, and creditably its committees plan and carry out proceedings. As far as your correspondent's personal observation went everything passed off regularly, smoothly and pleasantly. The E. B. A., who had charge of the procession, did their work most ably; the same may be said of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, who had charge of the church, with a view to keeping order. There was certainly considerable crowding at the doors at first, but nothing could have prevented that but a company of veteran soldiers with fixed bayonets, such as the headlong eagerness of the people to effect an entrance. The cathedral having been reached the ceremony of formal reception was proceeded with.

The ceremonies of the Church are intended to awaken and strengthen our religious sentiments. The outward representation of an internal sentiment is a want after which man naturally craves, and a source of profit both for himself and others. We believe that prayer is an agreeable odor ascending to the Almighty's throne—the use of incense goes far towards illustrating this idea. We believe in the sufferings of our Saviour when about to end this life, and form some notion of their intensity by an attentive consideration of that beautiful exercise known as the "Stations of the Cross." We believe that the apostles and disciples of Christ rejoiced exceedingly when they learned that our Lord had risen from the dead, so when on Easter Sunday we observe that the Church has suddenly exchanged her sombre vest and mournful voice for brilliant vest and joyful tones, we share to some extent in the religious exultation of the earliest followers of Christ. Ceremonies are then as indispensable to the religion and the worship of the Divinity in general. They are venerable for all the faithful and they win the good opinion of even unbelievers when in a calm dispassionate frame of mind.

The ceremony of receiving a Catholic Bishop, on first entering in charge of his diocese, is one of the most important in the Ritual, and was performed at the reception of Bishop Carberry substantially as follows:

The church is more or less decorated according to the season of the year, and the bells are ringing their most cheerful tones as the new bishop and his suite approach. When the bishop has arrived at the door, the superior or chief dignitary of the church, vested in white cope without stole, having his head uncovered and accompanied by other priests, presents the holy water sprinkler to the bishop, kissing first the sprinkler and then the bishop's hand. The bishop first sprinkles himself, afterwards those who surround him, and then returns the sprinkler. The superior next gives the *navicula* to the bishop, while another priest extends towards him the censer, into which the bishop puts some incense. The superior then takes back the censer, and incenses the bishop three times. After this they proceed to the great altar of the church, where at the lowest step the bishop prostrates himself in prayer. The superior then ascends the epistle side of the altar, turns towards the bishop and chants as follows: the choir or attendant clergymen responding:

V. O God! behold our protector.  
R. And look on the face of Thy Christ.  
V. Save thy servant.  
R. Hoping, my Lord, in thee  
V. Send him, O Lord, thy assistance.  
R. And protect him from sin.  
V. Let not the enemy obtain advantage over him.  
R. And let not the son of iniquity do him harm.  
V. O Lord hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come to thee.  
V. The Lord be with you  
R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.  
O God, Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look propitiously on thy servant whom you have deputed to be the shepherd of this church. Grant, we beseech thee, that he may, by word and example, be serviceable to those over whom he is placed, to the end that he may one day enter life everlasting in union with the flock entrusted to him. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

A hymn to the patron saint of the church is then sung, after which the bishop ascends to the altar and kisses it. Then turning towards the people he gives them solemn benediction; all the congregation on their knees:

May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and forever,  
May Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost bless you.

This concludes the ceremonies proper, unless where it is customary on such occasions to proclaim an indulgence. Where circumstances permit, the procession before entering the church also wears a particularly religious aspect. Several antiphons are sung, and a canopy is borne over the conveyance which the bishop rides.

In Catholic countries to this is added a procession of the magistrates and civil officers.

On the present occasion Very Rev. T. J. Dowling, Vicar Capitular, officiated as chief celebrant. After the preliminary ceremonies at the door had been performed, Bishop Carberry, now in full episcopal robes, accompanied by all the clergy, and preceded by the Archbishop, moved in procession up the aisle to the Sanctuary, the archbishop singing "Veni Creator." Rev. Dean Laussie, of Walkerton and Rev. Fr. Fleck, S. J., of Guelph, were deacons of honor to the bishop. Besides these there were in the sanctuary: Archbishop Lynch, Bishops Walsh, Jamot and O'Mahony, Very Revs. Dean Mulligan and O'Reilly, Rev. Fr. Lilly, of the Dominican Order, Vicars-General, Rooney, Laurent and Heenan, Rev. Fr. Funcken, and several others. After all had taken their assigned places in the sanctuary, His Grace the Archbishop ascended the pulpit and read the following address:

My Lords, Rev. Clergy, and Good People of Hamilton:

We feel the most sincere and religious pleasure in presenting, in the name of the Holy Father, your most excellent Bishop, Dr. Carberry. Since his consecration we are sure he had the most ardent desire, arising from his paternal love, to see and bless the people whom God's providence has placed under his episcopal charge. We congratulate now His Lordship on his safe and happy arrival, and the clergy and people of Hamilton and the bishops of the Province on the happiness of having so illustrious a Bishop, a loving and kind

father for both priests and people. He comes to you as St. Patrick to the Irish, Augustine to the English, and Boniface to the Germans, from the seat of all spiritual power and jurisdiction, with apostolic authority. We must be permitted also to say that he is a worthy successor of those illustrious bishops who have preceded him in this See. The widowhood of the diocese of Hamilton ends now. We must use the word widowhood in a restricted sense, for during it the diocese enjoyed the happiness to be under the jurisdiction of a wise, zealous, prudent and kind administrator. We must also congratulate you, most Rev. Bishop, upon your privilege of having a diocese assigned to you by the Holy Father whose priests and religious communities are most devoted to the work of the holy ministry, and whose people are religious, obedient, and generous. Now, the bishops of the Church of God are the successors of the apostles sent throughout the world to establish the Kingdom of Christ on earth, but secular governments rule by the authority of the supreme head of the state or empire. The Eternal Father sent His divine Son on earth to redeem and save it, and has committed to apostolic men those means of salvation for the people. Christ, addressing His Eternal Father in reference to His apostles, said, "As you sent me into the world, I send them." What a glorious mission! How sacred the office! How intimately connected with the salvation of souls is this sacred calling. But this commission is not addressed to all; to those only who are the legitimate successors of the apostles. Hence St. Paul does not hesitate to call himself and the other apostles and bishops of the Church God's coadjutors. For Christ, we are ambassadors, having the power of reconciliation. Bishops hold the highest dignities that God can confer on man or on any creature in heaven or on earth. Hence the Bishops of the Church of God, when exercising their pontifical functions, wear vestments emblematic of their authority and dignity. The mitre is the helmet of the general of the army of Christ; its brilliant jewels are expressive not only of dignity, but of the virtues that should shine in the episcopal character. The crozier, the pastoral staff, shows that he is the shepherd of the people. The crozier and the mitre, "vinea directorum, vinea regni tui." The sceptre of thy guidance is the sceptre of thy kingdom. The sacred sandals on his feet, to make him quick in the way of perfection and the conversion of sinners, denotes the swiftness to carry the gospel. Blessed are the feet of those who bring tidings of good things, tidings of peace between God and the sinner. If all Christians, as St. Paul says, are members of the body of Christ, and they are the bone of his bone and the flesh of his flesh; but all the members have not the same functions, so in the sacred and mystic body of Christ all have not the same functions. The soul acts upon the body to think, the eyes to see, the mouth to speak, the heart to love, the hands and feet to labor. But the Bishop in the Church of God is the highest type of the representative of Christ in His Church. It is he who has to think day and night over the necessities of his church, to provide good and holy pastors for the people, with eyes to watch over them, mouth to instruct them, heart to feel for all their wants and miseries, and the hand always ready to succor them, and the feet to carry him to all parts of his diocese to preach to them the word of God and administer especially the sacrament in which the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost are imparted. "For every high priest taken from among men is constituted for men, those things which appertain to God, that he might offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion upon those who are ignorant and err, for he himself is surrounded with infirmity." The person of Christ resides in the Bishop. When you honor the Bishop you honor Christ, when you despise the Bishop you despise Christ. "He that heareth me heareth him, and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me." Hence the consecrating prelate, in conferring the order of the Episcopacy repeats the words that God addressed to Abraham, "I will bless those who bless thee, and will curse those who curse thee." Let us again, "Let thy hand be strengthened and thy right hand exalted. May justice and judgment be the surroundings of thy throne." When St. Paul was going from Jerusalem to Damascus, he was struck down by the hand of Christ, who cried out to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He did not say my servants, but Me, for He resided in them; and Peter did not hesitate to say to Ananias and Sapphira, who had lied to him, "Why hast thou lied to the Holy Ghost?"—the Spirit of God residing in him in his official capacity. But this authority resides only in the Apostles and their successors, and obedience and reverence are due to them as ministers of God. Conventicles of men do not enjoy this authority, nor do the people consider themselves bound to obey them, but they are bound to obey the Church of Christ for "He that will not hear the Church let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican." I will not trespass upon your patience any longer. You want to hear your own venerable Bishop and to receive from his newly consecrated hands not only his own benediction but that of the Holy Father. You now possess a Bishop highly learned in the Sacred Scriptures, theology and canon law, and in the profane sciences. He comes with all the varied experience gleaned in Rome, England and Ireland, but above all he comes with the large and kind heart of a good father to guide and to bless.

After the religious part of the reception ceremony, the address of welcome occupied the next important place. The address of the clergy was first read, and by the Very Rev. Administrator, Fr. Dowling, as follows:

Address of the Clergy to His Lordship the Right Rev. James Joseph Carberry, O. P., D. D., Bishop of Hamilton:

My Lord—Welcome! a most cordial and affectionate welcome to Hamilton, to your Cathedral and to your diocese. Your safe arrival amongst us, so long and so anxiously looked for, has filled our hearts with gladness and gratitude to Almighty God. The clergy of your diocese, whom you now see for the first time gathered around your episcopal throne, and whose happy privilege it has been already to have congratulated you on your appointment

and greeted you on the morning of your consecration, beg leave most respectfully to approach Your Lordship today, not only for the purpose of extending you a hearty welcome to your See, but also of offering you, as their chief pastor, their most sincere and dutiful homage. A year ago, in this same Cathedral, when draped in mourning for your lamented predecessor, the diocese committed to the hands of priests and people that Almighty God would vouchsafe in his own good time to send another prelate endowed with all the gifts and graces of His high and holy office. Thank God that prayer has been heard and answered; our sorrow has been turned into joy, and we now see the vacant throne occupied by a prelate eminently fit to govern this diocese and adorn the ranks of the Canadian Hierarchy. Be assured, my Lord, that you are no stranger amongst us, and though the years of your priesthood have been passed in the seclusion of the religious life, yet God has so willed it that your lights should shine before men in order that His name may be glorified. You are already well known and loved in the diocese committed to your charge, for your spiritual children have read with delight of your early sacrifices for the faith, of your burning zeal for souls as a missionary priest in your native land, and especially of your successful efforts to educate and elevate the character of the young men of Ireland, many of whom even now, on this continent, acknowledge their indebtedness to you and bless you for their benefactor. We are also aware of the important services you have rendered to religion as a distinguished son of St. Dominic, in a society renowned the world over for its sanctity and learning, and of the very high offices which you have held with honor in that illustrious Order; and in recognition of your marked abilities and services to religion, you were called on to assume the burden of the episcopacy, which you humbly accepted in the spirit of holy obedience, our hearts rejoiced to hear of the very signal honors bestowed on you in Rome, not only by the many Bishops and eminent cardinals who assisted at your solemn consecration, but in a special manner by the Holy Father himself, who was graciously pleased to give you so many precious tokens of his esteem. Your spiritual children all felt that the Vicar of Christ in this honoring their bishop greatly honored the Diocese of Hamilton. But those honors bestowed on one so worthy were not acquired without special sacrifices on your part. To serve you generously severed the ties of kindred, of neighborhood and of native land. In severing those ties which bound you to the land you loved and served so well, and to an Order endeared to you by so many tender and holy associations, we feel that you have made sacrifices for us which we gratefully appreciate, and for which we pray that God may abundantly reward you. We thank you for the very affectionate greeting you have sent your clergy over the waters; for your beautiful pastoral, which breathes the love of a good and devoted father, and for your pious remembrance of us at the tombs of the apostles. In return, we have not ceased, as requested, to pray for you, and we now offer our united prayers that God may bless and direct your administration, and grant you many years of health and happiness to rule us, as devoted and dutiful sons, once more we welcome you as our Bishop, our father, our friend. And as we know, before your throne, promising always to co-operate with you, and renewing the offering of our heartfelt and most respectful homage, we humbly ask Your Lordship's benediction.

Signed on behalf of the clergy of the diocese:

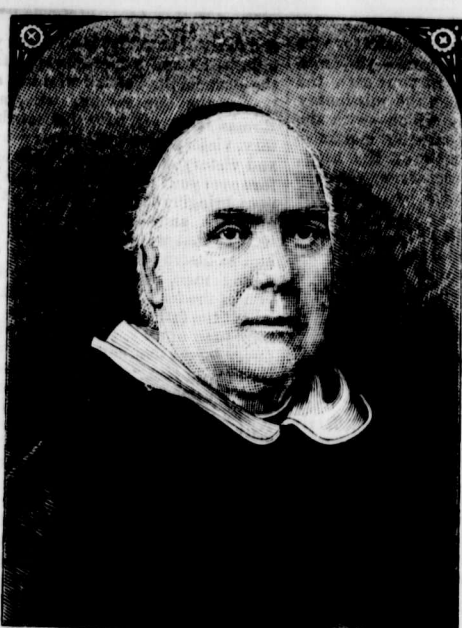
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REV. E. LAUSSIE, Dean, Walkerton.

THE BISHOP'S REPLY.

Bishop Carberry, who rose to his feet to listen to the address, then said: "Very Rev. Vicar-Capitular, Very Rev. and Rev. Brethren—I could not trust to my own feelings to reply to such an address, breathing as it does such an affectionate devotion to me, so I have prepared a few words in reply."

THE BISHOP THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

The affectionate outpouring of your cordial greeting and magnificent reception to-day has filled my inmost heart with gratitude to God who has inspired you to address me on this day of my installation in the See of Hamilton, in words of such deep affection and genuine loyalty. Surrounded as I now am by the exemplary and devoted clergy of the diocese, and honored by the presence of the venerable Archbishop and my brother Bishops of the Province of Ontario, I feel the full weight of the responsibility that is laid upon me by the Vicar of Christ, and consequently can fully appreciate your burning words of welcome. Conscious as I am of my own unworthiness, I would sink under the burden were it not sustained by the hope that He who has called me to be your pas-



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tor, will, of His great mercy, aid me by His grace, and guide me by the light of the Holy Spirit to faithfully fulfill the important duties demanded of me by God and His Church. In this I am strengthened by the conviction that you, my dear clergy, will zealously co-operate, as you have hitherto done with my predecessors in the great work before us—the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth by winning souls to His love and service. The bond of union already existing between us and our good people will be sure to bring down the divine blessing on our work, and make our lives pass happily and profitably here below, and secure for us the great prize of eternal life, for which alone we ought to live. You are good enough to say that I am not a stranger in your midst, and that you have learned something of me from those amongst whom I ministered, and that therefore you feel as though we had been always together. I fear that my friends to whom you allude have been swayed by that spirit of charity which causes good men to see only what seems estimable in their spiritual guides, and carefully draws a veil over all imperfections and shortcomings. Yet I must frankly say that for the long years of my ministry I have endeavored to live only for God and the good of my fellow-men; and if good fruits have followed my endeavors, all must be ascribed to the holy dispositions of my clients and the wonderful working of divine grace, and not to any merit of mine. It will be my duty henceforth to live a more perfect and disinterested manner of life, and I do hope that the more we know each other the more we shall love and esteem each other. I have naught else to live for but you, dear venerable brethren, and the people of this diocese of Hamilton. You are pleased to note how I have passed through all the grades of the Order to which I belonged and loved so well, but I can assure you that it was not for any special merits or qualifications I possessed, but from the characteristic largeness of heart of the Order, which appreciates the goodness of intention and the loyalty of its subjects. I trust, with the blessing of God, that I shall not be wanting in cultivating these two qualities so essential to one with my responsibilities. Thank God, we have a future of great promise before us in Canada, and, looking before me for the means of achieving success, I place entire confidence in you, dear brethren. When on the solemn occasion of my consecration, there were found present the great majority of the archbishops and many of the bishops of the United States, then in Rome, could not for a moment imagine that individual that was so honored, but from the Church of Canada, and notably the Church of Hamilton, the border diocese of the Union. Oh, how consoling it was to me to hear from many of those distinguished prelates the highest testimony of your apostolic zeal and devotion! It was a balm to soothe me and strengthen me in carrying out the obedience put upon me by our Holy Father, Leo XIII., which has severed me from my native land, my kindred and my Order. That I was mindful of you at the tomb of the apostles, when I offered the holy sacrifice for you and our beloved people, was my duty, and only a slight recognition of all the holy prayers that you and they have sent up to Heaven for me, and which have brought so many graces on me. We all have reason to be grateful to our Holy Father for the varied and manifold attentions he paid your pastor, and more especially for the signal mark of honor conferred on Hamilton by presenting me with a richly jeweled cross and other valuable gifts which shall be cherished heirlooms in the diocese. Oh, how rejoiced he was when I repeated to His Holiness the testimony I had received from the Bishops of the United States, and recounted the assurances of loyalty and obedience I had received by your welcome letters. Raising his eyes and hands towards heaven, he said: "Go forth, my son, with courage, to your faithful clergy, and tell them that from our heart we pray God to bestow on them His best blessings, and that we send them, in all its fulness, the apostolic benediction." May God bless you, Very Rev. Fathers, for your touching kindness, and may He enable me to walk worthy of such a priesthood and such a people.

Next in order followed the reading of the address on behalf of the people. For that purpose Mr. Donald Smith, chairman, and Mr. Chas. Leyden, Secretary of the General Committee, and Alderman A. H. Moore, were invited into the sanctuary, where the last-mentioned gentleman read as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE LAITY.

To the Right Reverend James Joseph Carberry, O. P., D. D., Lord Bishop of Hamilton:

MY DEAR FATHER, YOUR LORDSHIP—We, the Catholics of the city of Hamilton, hasten to approach Your Lordship for the purpose of tendering to you a hearty welcome to this your cathedral city and to the diocese of Hamilton, over which

Your Lordship is the appointed ruler. The fame of Your Lordship's distinguished career has been heralded to us by the press of both the old world and the new, and we will long continue to regard as a memorable epoch the day on which we have been permitted to receive so distinguished a prelate as Your Lordship. In this country you will find a free people, faithful and attached to this land of their birth and adoption. In this city Your Lordship will be in the midst of Catholics devoted to the interests of our holy Mother the Church, testifying by the heartiness of their acclamations and good wishes that, though they derive their origin from various nations, they have but one voice and one heart in expressing devotion to Mother Church and to the right reverend prelate who has been appointed to guide the destinies of this diocese. Your Lordship will also enjoy the opportunity of forming an adequate opinion of the extent of this great Dominion, its productions, its resources, its progress and the great future which we hope is in store for it, as well as the large field it presents for the extension of the Church. We take this opportunity of expressing our grateful and most respectful thanks to the Holy See for the honor done the diocese of Hamilton in selecting as our Bishop so distinguished a divine as the Socius of the General of the great Order of St. Dominic, and the happiness it is for us to have our chief pastor sent direct from the See of Peter, the centre of Catholic faith and authority. In conclusion, we ask Your Lordship to accept the expression of our unwavering obedience and loyalty to the Holy See and to Your Lordship personally as the spiritual ruler of this diocese. We pray that Your Lordship may be long spared to govern us, and beg your episcopal benediction on ourselves, our families and our homes.

On behalf of the Catholics of Hamilton, D. SMITH, Chairman.

The Bishop then read the following reply:

THE REPLY.

The Bishop read the following reply: MY DEAR CHILDREN—I thank you and the people of this diocese from my heart for your cordial address and hearty welcome. I do hope that you may not be disappointed in the expectations you have formed of me from the favorable report put before you by the journalists of the old and new world. It has been my good fortune at all times to enjoy the confidence and win the esteem of these gentlemen, and that, not from my own deserts, but from their appreciation of what seemed to them an honest intention to benefit our fellow-men. I sincerely hope that the auspicious occasion on which we are met for the first time is only the inauguration of an epoch in which a more thorough knowledge of each other will increase our mutual esteem and confidence. Your obedience and respect for the church and her ministers is a guarantee that you will continue faithful in your allegiance and love for the land of your adoption, for next after the Divine love comes the love of our country. I am consoled to have confirmed by you the report made to me by our clergy that, though amongst our Catholic population many nationalities are represented, yet you are all as one Christian people vying with one another in manifesting a dutiful submission to the Church. And what more striking evidence can be had of this than the enthusiastic reception you have accorded me to-day, thereby showing your respect for the head of the Church who has sent me here as a pastor to guide and console you? It will be to me a pleasing duty to notify our Holy Father of the expression of your satisfaction at the selection he has made of a pastor for the diocese of Hamilton, and at the same time to report the cordial reception I met with. The outpouring of kindness I have received from our dear clergy and people I attribute not to any personal merit, but to the influence of the fervent and continued prayers offered to God in connection with my consecration as Bishop of Hamilton. It will be my duty to consolidate that holy union so happily existing between the clergy and laity of this diocese; and thus with the triple bond of bishop, priest and people, the Church must prosper. In the advancement of religion I can confidently count on the co-operation of your zealous and learned priests; and your address and congratulations are to me a guarantee that you will not be wanting on your part. It remains that I fervently pray that God would especially visit this diocese during the coming Easter time, and that He would specially bless the Church, the priests and the people. He exhorted all to avail themselves of the opportunity of returning to the Lord during the holy season.

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monies were finished was His Worship Mayor Mason of Hamilton.

His Lordship Bishop Carberry is about six feet high, well built, of a commanding appearance, with keen and piercing but benevolent looking eyes. Although 62 years old, he has a remarkably hale and vigorous physique.

Very Rev. T. J. Dowling is said to be the only clergyman in America who possesses the title of Vicar-Capitular.

It will be 28 years next month since the late Right Rev. John Farrell was consecrated Bishop of Hamilton. It is just 10 years since this month since the late Right Rev. P. F. Crinnon was similarly consecrated.

From the Hamilton Times, April 7.

Long before the regular time for Vespers to commence, on last Sunday evening, the Cathedral was crowded, and many had to stand in the aisles and passages. When the Bishop ascended the pulpit he apologized for not being prepared to address the congregation; he did so at the special request of Father Heenan, Vicar-General and Administrator of the Cathedral. He then took for his text Luke xix, 41, 47. He said that when our Saviour was approaching Jerusalem for the last time during His sojourn on earth, a few days before His bitter death, it was Palm Sunday, the day we are commemorating. As He rode from Bethany, surrounded by an admiring multitude, on looking at the city He wept. It was the expression of uncomprehending grief in a living heart. He wept over Jerusalem for the fate which was shortly to overtake it. At that time the world was at peace. As it was with Jerusalem, so it is with the sinner when he wanders away from God. The peace of a sinful soul is a false peace, and cannot last. The signs of the impending storm were then beginning to appear, foreshadowing the terrible destruction of Jerusalem forty years after. "Has it ever occurred to you," said the venerable preacher, "why our Lord wept? It was not for His own sorrows and afflictions. He wept for the desolation which was to come upon His beloved Jewish people. He wept for the fate of many around Him, and notwithstanding that He shed His blood to the last drop, countless millions would be lost, and that through their own fault." All these sayings and teachings of the Lord are for our instruction. For if the sinner derides his probation is unrepentant, he shall be beaten to the ground in like manner. All those who bethel the holy city because they knew not the Lord. They despised His teachings and went with His enemies to betray Him. There are times when God visits with special blessings the Church of Christ. During this holy season of Easter time those who hearken to His voice will find it a season of visitation from the Lord. Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Men and women, young and old, I ask you, has there been any period of your lives when, owing to your sinful career, you wandered away from God? If there has, now is the time to return, during the holy season of Easter. It is with you as it was with Jerusalem, unless you turn from your sinful ways. Have you reflected on the obligations imposed upon you during this holy season? The Lord promised the glorious institution of the Holy Eucharist when he said: "I am the bread of life. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever. And the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world. He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day." The partaking of the Holy Eucharist was after a time neglected by the early Christians, although compulsory for every member of the Church to partake of it at least once a year. The speaker gave an illustration of the anxiety of the Church being like that of a mother for a sick child who refused to take food, causing her to feel a burning grief lest her child would not live. He earnestly hoped, and from his short experience he believed, that there are very few Catholics in this diocese who do not comply with the obligations of the Church. His heart was cheered while celebrating mass and administering the communion to see the interest taken by all, and especially the number of men, old and young, who come forward to partake of the Holy Eucharist. In conclusion he fervently prayed that God would especially visit this diocese during the coming Easter time, and that He would specially bless the Church, the priests and the people. He exhorted all to avail themselves of the opportunity of returning to the Lord during the holy season.

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