

S. T. benigne eadem sanare in radice et convalidare dignetur.
Ex Audientia SSmi habita die 11 Novembris, 1902.

SSmus D. N. Leo, Div. Prov. P. P. XIII, referente infrascripto S. Cong. de Propaganda Fide Sec'rio. matrimonia de quibus in precibus, dummodo eorum validitati nihil aliud obstet, et partes in bona fide maneant, benigne in radice sanare et convalidare dignatus est, prolem ex iis susceptam vel suscipiendam legitimam declarando; ea tamen lege ut eorundem matrimoniorum elenchus in Regestis Curiae Episcopalis, quantum fieri potest, una cum praesenti Rescripto sedulo adservetur ut pro quocumque futuro eventu de illorum validitate et respectiva prolis legitimitate constare possit. Contrariis quibuscumque non obstantibus.

Datum Romae ex Aed. S. Cong'nis de Propag. Fide, die et anno ut supra.
Aloisius Vecchia, Sec'rius.

Hence it may be seen that the revalidation extends only in marriages contracted in virtue of dispensations granted in good faith but without special faculties by the late Bishop Rogers in impediments of the second degree of consanguinity and affinity and in the impediment of "disparitatis cultus," provided no other obstacle to a valid union exists.

Confirmation will be given in the Counties of Northumberland and Kent during the early summer. The Pastors should prepare the children thoroughly for the reception of this holy Sacrament, and those who have missions attached to their parishes should in addition to the instruction given by the Sunday-school teachers, spend in each mission at least a fortnight, (not necessarily including Sunday) teaching them personally their Catechism.

By virtue of Faculties received from the Holy See, We grant the same dispensations in the Lenten Fast and Abstinence as last year, the Lenten regulations therefore will be the same as heretofore.

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