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forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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## CALENDAR.

- October 4—XVIII after Pentecost I Oct. Solem. of M. Holy Rosary.  
 5—St. Galla Wid. Doub. Com. &c.  
 6—St. Bruno, C. Doub.  
 7—St. Mark, P. C. Doub. Supp. Com. &c.  
 8—St. Birgitta Wid. Doub.  
 9—SS. Denis B. and Comp. M. M. Sem.  
 10—St. Francis Borgia C. Sem.

## ST. MARY'S.

On Wednesday last, the Solemn obsequies for the repose of the late Pope, Gregory XVI. were celebrated at our Cathedral. This affecting Ceremonial was deferred until the present week, in consequence of the Bishop's absence on the Visitation of the Diocess. A lofty Catafalque surmounted by the Pontifical emblems, and wax lights, was erected in the centre of the Church. The Office of the Dead commenced at nine o'clock, and together with the Bishop and Clergy of Halifax, the Rev. Messrs. Phelan, Lyons, Doyle, Kennedy, and Hennesy, were also present. When the Three Nocturns and Lauds for the Dead were chaunted, High Mass was offered by the Very Rev. Mr. Conolly, attended by the Rev. Messrs. Doyle and McIsaac as Deacon and Sub-Deacon. The various pieces in the Requiem Mass, including the exquisitely plaintive *Dies Ira* were sung with great effect by the Organ Choir. At the conclusion of Mass, the Absolution was performed by the Bishop. A large number of the faithful came to offer up their fervent prayers in union with those of the Clergy, for the great and Holy Pontiff, who ruled the Church of God for the last sixteen years, and who, by all the acts of his

glorious and ever memorable reign, proved himself to be the affectionate Father of all his beloved Children in Jesus Christ, as well as the unshaken Defender of Ecclesiastical rights. The last inheritor of the name and virtues of Gregory the Great has passed away, but he has left a name which will never die. During the remainder of the day, the Fourth Clerical Conference for the present year, was held in the New Vestry.

A Quarterly meeting of St. Mary's Catechistical Society, was held on Wednesday evening week—the Very Rev. Mr. Connolly, V. P. in the chair, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Nugent and McIsaac.

The proceedings of the Evening were commenced by taking up the Quarterly dues and receiving the reports of the superintendents of the classes of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's from which it appeared that a great want of Teachers was felt for the proper direction of the male classes at St. Mary's, whereupon arrangements were made to procure a more full and regular attendance of persons qualified to the discharge of that important duty.

The propriety of holding an examination of the classes was then taken up for consideration when from the representations of the Ladies and Gentle-men in charge thereof, it was not deemed proper until a better system should take place. It was then moved and seconded and passed that the examination be held in and during the season of next spring.