

as you are called in *one* hope of your vocation ; *one* Lord, *one* faith, *one* baptism, *one* God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all" (Eph. 4c.) Oh! what a blessed result will not this be, should it come to pass, and how pleasing to Jesus, Mary and Joseph! What a multiplicity of graces is in store for the Venerable Diocese of Kingston, if we all, Bishop, priests and people, co-operate zealously and with persevering energy in founding and maintaining this holy confraternity as a nursery of domestic sanctity and neighbourly goodness!

But let us rise, dear Revd. Fathers, above the consideration of ourselves and our own interests, albeit spiritual, in the Confraternity. Let us regard God, His interests and His honour. The *Holy Family* is a direct homage to the fundamental dogma of Christianity, the adorable mystery of the Incarnation ; for Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the cottage of Nazareth are the living embodiment of this mystery in its fullness. The association of these three names embraces in one thought the Person of the Eternal Word, the Virgin Mother of the Word made flesh, and the foster-father of God Incarnate, in His infancy, His boyhood, and His growth unto the maturing of His manhood. The name of Jesus proclaims the Majesty of the Divinity humbled obediently to the littleness of Humanity in hypostatic union, the Creator made a creature, the Eternal born in time and nourished by the milk of a maiden's breast. The name of Mary announces the mystery of Virginity in maternity, and "the handmaid of the Lord" made the mother of God the Son, as truly as God the Father is His Father whence she is evermore the Queen of the Universe, all powerful in heaven, and styled "blessed" by all generations upon the earth. The name of Joseph, the "just man" of the Scriptures, by his chaste guardianship of the Virgin's honor and his exquisite care of the Divine Child, represents the sanctity of Christian marriage, binding soul with soul in the wedlock of the spirit, and the sublimity of the office of