

in St Peter's, by Cardinal Micara. His Eminence who belongs to the Capuchine Order is Dean of the Sacred College, and Bishop of Ostia and Velletri.

### CANONICAL ERECTION OF THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, IN THE CITY AND DIOCESS OF HALIFAX.

We most sincerely congratulate the Catholics of Halifax on this auspicious event—the introduction into our Diocess of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Rt Rev. Dr. Walsh in the course of the last year petitioned the Holy See for the necessary powers to erect this Confraternity, and obtained them from his Holiness. By the following Document he has established for ever in the City and Diocess of Halifax this salutary devotion.

Guillelmus Walsh,  
 Dei et Apostolicæ Sedis gratia,  
 Episcopus Maximianopolitanus et  
 Halifaxiæ Administrator Apostolicus,  
 &c. &c. &c.

Salvator noster Dilectissimus, qui testante Evangelista (Johan. xiii. 1,) 'cum dilexisset suos qui erant in mundo, in finem dilexit eos' charitatem suam ad ultimum amoris, vitæque suæ terminum, erga nos exhibuit.

Et sicut 'majorem hac dilectionem nemo habet quam ut animam suam ponat quis pro amicis suis,' (Johan. xv. 13,) Christus pro nobis animam suam posuit, et tanquam divini amoris victima in ara crucis immolatus est.

Hanc admirabilem charitatem Dni Nostri Jesu Christi patientis, et pro generis humani redemptione morientis, atque in suæ mortis commemorationem instituentis Sacramentum Corporis et Sanguinis sui, ut fideles sub ejus SANCTISSIMI Cordis symbolo, devotius ac ferventius recolant, ejusdemque fructus percipiant uberiores, Devotionem erga S. S. Cor Jesu plurimi Summi Pontifices non solum auctoritate sua probaverunt, sed variis etiam privilegiis atque Indulgentiis favore maxima cura studuerunt.

Hanc devotionem saluberrimam inter fideles spirituali nostræ curæ subditos promovere cupientes, vi Facultatum nobis a S. S. Dno Nostro GREGORIO Divina Providentia P. P. XVI., sub die 23 Februarii 1815 concessarum, CONFRATERNITA-

TEM SSMI Cordis Jesu, in civitate et Diocesi Halifaxiensi, perpetuo per presentes erigimus, et erectam esse volumus, declaramus, ac instituimus, cum applicatione omnium Indulgentiarum et Privilegiorum quæ Summi Pontifices memoratæ Confraternitati impertiti sunt.

In quorum fidem, &c.,  
 Datum Halifaxiæ in Nova Scotia,  
 Idib. Februarii 1816.  
 † GUILLELMUS Episcopus, &c.,  
 ut supra.

Loco Sigilli.

We are sure that most of our readers are already well acquainted with the object and advantages of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A Book of Registry is now opened by the authority of the Bishop, and all that is required for admission into the Confraternity is the simple enrolment in this book, of the name of the candidate. No obligation, under the pain of the smallest sin, is contracted by becoming a member of the Association of the Sacred Heart. But by being enrolled, a Catholic is entitled to the various Indulgences annexed to the Society, whenever he performs the pious conditions prescribed. A valuable little work on the nature of Indulgences was recently published by a Parish Priest, in the Diocess of Dublin, from which we extract the following remarks :

### CONFRATERNITY OF THE SACRED HEART.

#### PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

The particular and precise object of the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is the adorable heart of the Son of God; a living Heart, by its union with the most holy Soul; a divine Heart, by its hypostatical union with the person of the Word of God. It is this Heart, considered on the one hand, inflamed with an infinite love for man; and on the other hand, as outraged by the ingratitude of those very men for whom he has suffered the most bitter and excruciating torments, and for whom he was pleased to be nailed to the tree of the cross. All these different objects united; objects so sublime, so admirable, so divine, and so amiable, ought to excite in us two sentiments truly just and rational, which constitute the particular end proposed in this devotion; namely, an ardent love for Jesus Christ, which should, as far as possible, correspond to the love with which his divine Heart burns for us, and a bitter sorrow for the outrages which are daily offered him; which sorrow may in some degree compensate for the