

THE LAW OF THE CHURCH.

At certain times when the needs of the Church seem to require it the members of the hierarchy assemble in council and formulate such regulations as are in their judgment necessary for the promotion of spiritual and material progress and the fostering of common discipline and the fostering of common discipline and the fostering of common discipline...

NEWMAN AND THE POPE

Owing to the reverence that is felt for Cardinal Newman's name and the affectionate regard in which his character is held, too much care cannot be taken to remove even the slightest danger of misunderstanding as to his sentiments respecting the authority of the Holy Father, Mgr. John S. Vaughan then has done well to quote in a contribution to Rome an appropriate passage from Newman's writings with reference to a case in which the Pope interfered. The great O'stavian's words are free from all ambiguity.

In the second volume of The Catholic Encyclopedia, now ready, the Rev. William H. Fanning, S. J., Professor of Church History and Canon Law at the St. Louis University, has condensed in two comprehensive but brief articles the proceedings of the Councils of Baltimore, both Plenary and Provincial, in which he has epitomized the enactments obligatory for all the dioceses of the United States.

These decrees deal with current errors, the hierarchy and government of the Church, ecclesiastical property, divine worship and the promoting of its uniformity, the education of clerics and of the young, secret societies, ecclesiastical censure, marriage regulations, church music, uniformity of discipline, the relations of the regular orders to diocesan control, and the many other interests that come up in the ordinary course of daily life.

At the Ninth Provincial Council of Baltimore (1852) a petition was sent to the Pope, which he granted, giving to the Archbishop of Baltimore, as incumbent of the oldest see in the United States, an honorary pre-eminence to consist in his taking precedence of any other Archbishop in the country without regard to promotion or consecration, and in having the place of honor in all councils and conventions. This distinction is one of courtesy merely and confers no jurisdiction on the prelate holding it over his associates in the hierarchy.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

FROM THE REVELATIONS OF VEN. MARY DAGUEDA. At the instant of the creation of the soul of Mary and its infusion into her immaculate body, the Most Holy Trinity said these words, with much more affection and tenderness than it expressed them in the creation of man, as related in the first chapter of Genesis: "Let us make Mary to our image and likeness, render her our true Daughter and Spouse, to make her the Mother of the Son Who is consubstantial with the Father."

By the force of these divine words and the love which brought them forth from the mouth of the Almighty, the blessed soul of the incomparable Mary was created and infused into her body, and replenished in the same instant with grace and gifts which raised her above the Seraphim. Therefore there was not a moment when she was without the light, favor and love of her Creator; not a moment when the soil and obscurities of original sin stained her. On the contrary, she was created with a justice more perfect and more eminent than that which Adam and Eve received in their creation. The use of a reason, perfect and proportioned to her spiritual gifts, was also accorded her in order that these gifts might not be useless for one sole instant, and that they might work effects so admirable that the Creator could take sovereign complacency in them.

In this new creation the voice of the Lord sounded more strongly than in the first when He contemplated His work and called it good. Let human feebleness approach this prodigy with devout humility, let it publish and proclaim the greatness of the Creator, and recognize the new benefits that all humanity received in His reparative; let the blindness of the mortals cease, vanquished by the force of divine light; because if the infinite goodness of God, under the conception of His Most Holy Mother, regarded original sin as with eyes of indignation, and refused to have a just cause and good occasion to arrest its course, how can human wisdom admit that which God has had in such horror?

At the time of the infusion of the soul into the body of the august Virgin, the Most High willed that her mother, Saint Anne, should experience in a marvelous manner the presence of the Divinity; she was filled with the Holy Spirit, and so intimately penetrated with such joy that she was ravished in a sublime ecstasy, whereby she was enlightened upon the most hidden mysteries, and celebrated the praises of the Lord with new songs of joy. These precious effects lasted during the rest of her life, but they were greater during the nine months that she guarded in her womb the Treasure of heaven; because during this time these favors were renewed and frequently reiterated, and she acquired

an especial knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and its profound mystery. Oh, privileged woman, may at times be called blessed and be praised by all nations and generations of the universe!

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