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Fifty Years a Diocese-Event Celebrated with Enthusiasm -The Papal Allegate and Many Prelates Take Part -Very Reverend Doctor Teefy Preaches Jubilee Sermon-Great Gathering of the Laity.

Rev. Dr. Kloepfer as master of cere- the sermon in full:

Mass at 10.30, celebrated by his Excellency, Mgr. Sbarretti, the visgiving a fine general effect.

for the Grand Jubilee Mass.

A truly Golden season has just clos- to the celebrant, were Very Rev. Faed for the Catholics of Hamilton, in ther Schneitzer, C.R., assistant the three days' celebration commem- priest; Rev. Fathers Connolly, S.J. orative of the half century mark in Guelph, and McColl, Peterborough, the existence of their Diocese and Ca-deacons of honor; Rev. Father Aylthedral, and of the completion of the ward, London, deacon of the Mass. five decades of time which for them Rev. Father Brady, Hamilton, submeans the development from an al- deacon; Rev. Father Wacchter, C.R., most embryonic condition to that of Berlin, master of ceremonies. Archa fullness and completion of which bishop O'Connor was attended by Rev. they all individually and collectively Father Supple, C.R., Boston; Bishop may be justly proud. Fifty years ago Dowling, assistant priest, Rev. Dr. the Diocese greeted its first bishop. Kloepfer; Bishop O'Connor, assistant Fifty years ago the Cathedral was priest, Rev. Father Mahoney; Bishop founded and in course of time com- McEvay, assistant priest Rev. Father pleted, and to-day it exists in the Holden; Bishop Scollard, assistant mellowness of its maturity, embel- priest, Rev. Father Coty; Rt. Rev. lished with all the gifts of a rich Mons. Heenan, assistant priest, Rev. and progressive growth. To cele- Father Walsh. Rev. Father Sinnott, brate this event the Pope's represen- Ottawa, was also present. As the tative, together with the heads of the procession entered a special choir of dioceses of Toronto, Peterborough, one hundred boys under the direction London and Sault Ste. Marie, hasten- of Rev. Father Donovan, sang with ed to unite with the venerated head fine spirit an attractive arrangement of the Hamilton diocese on this joy- of "Ecce Sacerdos." The boys also ous event in his ecclesiastical career. sang the music of the Plain Chant, Early on Sunday morning Hamilton Royal Mass. At the Offertory the was astir and the people flocked in "Pro Peccatis" from Rossini's Stalarge numbers to the early Masses, bat Mater, was effectively sung by celebrated in the temporary chapel or Mr. Fred Filgiano. Mr. J. L. Chertent placed on the lawn, the church rier presided at the organ. The serbeing reserved for the ceremonies at- mon preached by Very Rev. Doctor tached to its consecration, which be- Teefy, C.S.B., of Toronto, was a diggan at 6 a.m. and lasted for three nified and impressive address, the and a half hours. His Lordship Bish- scholarly speaker giving an interestop McEvay of London officiated and ing synopsis of the history of the was assisted by Rev. Father Mahoney Diocese and warming into enthuas archdeacon, Rev. Father Coty dea- siastic eloquence at the memory of con, Rev. Father Weidner, sub-deacon, the great men who had made the Rev. Father McColl, chanter, and Diocese what it is to-day. Below is

dome the motto "Gloria in Excelcis these fifty golden years whose strug-Deo" stretched in letters of light, gles and labors have been crowned while on either side in electric glo-bules, were the figures 1856-1906 - have told the story of this Cathedral dates memorable in the Diocese. The -how in 1860 he had seen it rise tipped with small globes in ruby its present beauty and completion : on Sunday this loved Patroness, of the Such men are not far to seek. There formed of tiny incandescent lights, have given pathos to this edifying Small palms, pink blossoms and much chapter of religious history. Indeed, foliage lent their aid, and together you yourself were the most fitting with the rich lace of the ante-pendium bard. You would have told in poetic made an altogether worthy setting prose and eloquent diction the story of those early days whose sowing was The procession of ecclesiastics en- in tears but whose reaping is in joy— ary thus describes with characteristic spreads its branches over the land. of prejudice raised by the enemies of your Lordship's episcopate started tered the chancel from the vestry, those days in which you took so acthe Cross coming first and then the tive a part, and those later years in the early state of religion: "Well, bers of priests and of professional your anxiety at all times to advance the inception of this golden tide. the Cross coming first and then the tree a part, and those later years in the tree and the inception of this golden tide. The said to John Fran-men who owe to the Venerable Dr. both the spiritual and temporal wants. Then afterwards, as priest, you took train of bishops, each with his at- which you higher position, the Papal Delegate in vio- and by your zealous administration cis Maguire, "no doubt I had many Funcken, and St. Jerome's College, of your people, frequently at great a noble share in the hidden sacrifices let robes and crimson cape, and wear- as Bishop have laid deep and broad a hard ride through the forest, and I which he established, their sound, Caing the little skull-caps of crimson. the foundations of God's tabernacle often had to depend on my poor horse tholic education. Mgr. Sharretti then vested for Mass in the Diocese of Hamilton. Thus the as my heavy eyelids closed while I Again, my Brethren, there were in the golden vestment of the day, task has fallen to the lot of a strang-The officers of the Mass, in addition er. Yet hardly a stranger. I feel that on this day I, too, have returned to my own family; for here, many years ago, within these sacred walls, that grace was given to me, as to one out of season, whose links reach to the present and bind me in undying gratitude to unforgotten associa-



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timents of each of us, one dominant matter what labor I had to underyears. Fifty years are not long in years some would not see a priest; ages still we are in the foremost files some," he continued with a sigh, of time. There are those living who for there were sheep without shepcese, who saw the first episcopal can- and that we saved so many in times secular, must be measured not by acity with which the Irish cling to centuries, but by individual lives. their faith. Their devotion and their What was this city, what was this affection and their gratitude cheered Diocese fifty years ago? A city of me many a time, and made me fortown of 3,500; beyond, Brantford, God bless them! they are a good nearly 4,000; a little farther north, people." Guelph, containing about 3,000 inha- There were others. There was that bitants. Back of these centres lay the settlement of strong-willed, hardunbroken forest with its long, severe working Germans, whose thrift, whose Sacrifice of Christ. The temple needs cese, the Right Rev. Mgr. Heenan, winters and the ever-green pines, its industry, and whose powers of orgiant guardians, defying the march of ganization have contributed so much which includes the counties of Wel- education in this Diocese. Not so tion "the faithful may be built togeth- the seed time and the harvest of the lington, Waterloo, Bruce and Grey, a numerous as their Irish co-religion- er into an habitation of God in the Diccese. There is the venerable Dean few settlers, like an advanced guard, ists they concentrated themselves Spirit." If, therefore, these scattered Laussier, the eldest priestly son of had pushed their way forward, and more, to their greater advantage. The clearing a little land had started a prosperous County of Waterloo is home for themselves. By the census their centre, though branches reach they be brought into closer union for the good of souls and the advanceof 1851, four years before the erec- out to the neighboring County of with apostolic succession. The zeal- ment of religion. And my own Comtion of the Diocese, there were not Bruce. Their story is the same. Long ous missionaries felt this want. The munity, the Basilians, presents the 150 Catholics in Bruce; about 4,500 before the Diocese was erected, toin Wellington; and 1,000 in the Coun- wards the close of the thirties, St. ty of Grey. Two years afterwards Agatha had gone forth, and had been over his vast Diocese, when he arriv- Sound Mission covered the northern the Ecclesiastical Council of Quebec, invoked in a little log house in a ed in 1850, than he felt it. His first half of the Diocese. The good which Thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth when petitioning for the erection of lonely clearing where now rises a idea was to have a coadjutor who these veterans have done will live af-The most imposing feature of the year. And every one shall go back the See, pleaded that this one mis- flourishing village called after the would reside in Hamilton until a se- ter them. And what is better for ceremonies was the Pontifical High to his former family. Lev. xxi., 10. sion contained 15,000 souls and was martyr's name. Preston and St. Your Excellency, My Lord, Rever- attended by only two priests, the Clement's come next in order, fol- Council of Quebec petitioned Rome is an odor of sweetness for us all. iting prelates being present in the end Fathers and Dear Brethren: With Jesuits of Guelph. Hamilton city in lowed quickly by the now more imfor the erection of the two sees of In the building of the temple of Sanctuary and the edifice filled with all respect and humility, my Lord 1851 contained 4,000 Catholics, Dun-portant Church of Berlin. This dis-Hamilton and London. The prayer Solomon we read that it was built of devout and attentive assistants. The Bishop of Hamilton, I venture to ex- das 1,268 Brantford 744, Guelph 200, was granted. And Father John Far- stones hewed and made ready, so that scene was a memorable one. The Ca- press the thought that this pulpit the whole Diocese nearly 25,000, ex- missionary, Father Schneider, then by rell, then pastor of Peterborough, was there was neither hammer nor axe scene was a memorable one. The Ca- broad that this pulpit clusive of the Indian Missions on Ma- Father Sandnell, and about 1847 by chosen as first Bishop of the new nor any tool of iron heard in the of a May day, showed to advantage been more appropriately filled by a nitoulin and the north shore of the a Jesuit Father named Father Cav- Diocese of Hamilton. Many of you, house when it was abuilding. So was its many stained glass windows, its member of your household. He would upper Lakes. These numbered about eng. From 1853, when the Jesuits my brethren, remember him. He was it with the temple of Hamilton. The fine new and striking stations, toge- bave voiced with filial piety the gra- 3,000. To sketch the history of each were installed at Guelph, until 1858, not easily forgotten. His tall, hand- work went on without noise. Year the with the decorations of the day, titude of the diocese. He would have parish would lead me far beyond my the whole of the county was served some form, once seen, would live in succeeded year, and no change was sketched with personal reminiscence limits. The settlements were princiby some of the Fathers. In 1858 memory. And for his heart and soul noticeable. But the work was quietly Across the angle of the chancel the coming in and the going out of pally Irish, whose number was concame a saintly priest, pioneer of the the man—he was truly episcopal, advancing. Generosity is not noisy, siderable, but whose scattered houses zealous community of Resurrection- He did not think so himself; for in nor is true zeal trumpet-tongued. made ministration most trying. Mis- ists who are now doing so much for his first pastoral he wrote as fol- Throughout these fifty years the sionaries were few in number, their religion and education in and for the lows: "Although poor, miserable and generosity of the faithful and the zeal territory unlimited, and the facilities Diocese; I should say, in and for the incapable of any good by ourselves, of a devoted priesthood toiled steadfor travelling and for serving their country. This was Father Eugene nevertheless, with a pious reliance on ily at this work of God. The tem-High altar rose in a back-ground of over the ashes of the old frame build- flock most discouraging. Not a sin- Funcken. But like St. Andrew, he the hand of Him who, despising as ple, fair and well proportioned, grew three pinacles, the centre one being ing; how it passed through several gle railway throughout the Diocese— was soon to make way for his more the Apostle informs us, the resources in perfection as the stones were eleand only two or three high roads. The distinguished brother, Father Louis of human wisdom and human power, vated to their place by the willing blazed trees and the narrow, distant Funcken, a man renowned for his makes use of the weak things to con- hands of skilful workmen. Bishops and sapphire. Above the tabernacle how he saw the first bishop bless its clearing were the only guides for the learning as well as for his other found the strong that no flesh may passed away leaving the walls higher and sappnire. Above the tabernacie and sappnire above the tabernacie and sappnire are tabernacie and sappnire. The tabernacie and sappnire are tabernacie and sappn a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin in white marble is erected, and
gin white marble is erected, and
gin in white marble is erected on Sunday this loved Patroness, of the sact like are those around your throne to-day, priests, do I say? None, my breth- work in the country was his life God." It was not thus the people ton. What a share you have had in words of Scripture, "a crown of My Lord, venerable in years and ren, for they were rather headquart- work. With an energy which over- of Peterborough thought when part- the framing of this temple, in the orwords of Scripture, a crown of the priestly service, whose memory must ers than homes. That venerable pion- came tremendous difficulties, with a ing with his Lordship. In their ad- ganization and ministration of this twelve stars about her head and the process about her head and the process and this Diocese, whose remains rest be- do the work of many, with a confi- look at the great exertions you have your crown and monument. Under neath these walls, the Very Rev. Vi- dence in God and his cause which tri- made in completing the presbytery your zeal St. Lawrence went down to

note prevails. It is thanksgiving to go, I always received my reward in not go on thus. In the celebrated religious orders; forty churches with God-praise and blessing to His Holy the faith and love of the people-their neighboring cataract of Niagara is a resident pastors and twenty-four mis-Name—and to Mary Immaculate, the delight at seeing and hearing their power which when concentrated makes sion chapels, two hospitals, five in-Mother and Queen of this Cathedral, priest - why, sir, it would raise my for a city's prosperity and a nation's stitutions for the needy, a well equippraise and thanksgiving, I say, for the mare's spirits. And how they kept material progress. So in the mounsacrifice and glory of these fifty the faith! It was surprising. For tain torrent of the Church there is a ty-one parochial schools. How did all the history of the immortal Church. but still the faith was there in a and animating the spiritual energies is this? Many have had a share in They are long in a young land; for mother's heart, and she would teach of a people, tells for the continuity it -many who are not with us, whose though we are the heirs of all the it to her children. We have lost and advancement of religion. Relinames are written in the book of life, witnessed the espousals of this Dio- herds; but that we did not lose more der for years. But if religion is to Many there are who quietly fulfilling dlestick placed upon this Cathedral al- long gone by, is only to be attribut- tion; if its teaching is to be main- unremitting toil the heat and burthen tar. Our institutions, religious or ed to the mercy of God, and the tenlittle more than 14,000; Dundas, a get fatigue and trouble of every kind. the Hand of Christ to govern it, and the value of an immortal soul, in

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Throughout that vast district to the building up of religion and

Scotch settlers. But why continue? small orphanage. Schools, where Irish or German or Scotch, or what- were they? Or what were they? The car-General Gordon, was one of few umphed over everything, Father and in the exection of chapels in re- the lake, and Mary the Mother away resident priests. He had been ap- Funcken planted the seed of higher mote parts of the mission, together north to the distant, humble, Indian pointed pastor of Hamilton in No- education, which, springing up and with the establishment of our Separ- settlement-and twenty-five others, vember, 1846. This zealous mission- growing from more to more, now ate Schools in the face of all kinds patrons of the Churches erected under inconvenience and difficulties to your- of a pastor's life. As Bishop you self." Full of zeal, prudent, a judge have to-day the happiness of placing of character, he was well fitted to the roof of glory upon that temple of wear the mitre and organize the new which you have been to a large ex-Diocese. Bishop Farrell was con- tent the high-minded, zealous archisecrated on Pentecost Sunday, May tect. Your people rejoice with you, 11, 1856, at Kingston; and he entered your devoted co-laborers, the clergy into possession of his See on May 24. of Hamilton, rejoice with you. Your His first act was to consecrate the brethren of the episcopate rejoice Diocese to "the ever Glorious and with you. Rome, through its Dele-

ever else they might be-they were task of organizing parishes and supall Catholic and Canadian. They had plying priests, of fighting the great come to make their home here. They battle of religious education, of prohad come without purse or scrip-and viding for the poor, the orphans, and had taken up their abode in the dark the sick, of establishing foundations forest. All that they had brought which live and flourish to this day; with them was their common faith, this was the work of the pioneer Bishtheir common hope of better condi- op of Hamilton, the Right Rev. John tions, their common love of freedom, Farrell, a man of renown, whose godtheir willing, strong hands. These ly deeds have not failed and whose were the elements upon which reli- posterity is a holy inheritance, and gion was to work. It was the spring whose seed hath stood in the coventime, when the sowers went forth and ants. His were days of struggle, of sowed the seed; and, lo! in their humble beginnings, of hidden foundatrain the flowers sprang up, the for- tions. What a contrast from the preest cleared away, and the desert sent time! To-day forty-three dioblossomed as the rose. Things could cesan priests and eighteen priests of power which, directing, illuminating this change come about? Whose work gion may live a long time in the who would have wished to see this heart, and the embers of faith smoul- day, but who saw it only in hope. continue from generation to genera- their duty, bore in lonely parish and needs that unmistakable organiza- glory. I speak not of these-nor of tion and unity which can be found those heroic Jesuit missionaries who. only in the episcopal office. Religion on distant Manitoulin or Superior's needs the Voice of Christ to teach it, northern shores, taught the world the Sacrifice of Christ to sanctify it. their service of the poor Indians, But It needs a sishop whose teaching, gov- there are those to-day whom I canerning, and plentitude of priestly pow- not pass unnoticed. There is the er are the voice, the hand and the revered Vicar-General of this Dioa builder with full power and author- whose work, whose name and whose ity, by whose teaching, whose gov- memory will forever be associated ernment, and whose sacred ministra- with these fifty golden years- with portions were to be framed together Hamilton, whose faithful service has unto the Church of Christ, then must told with more efficiency than eclat Venerable Bishop De Charbonnel, of third, Father Granottier, whose mem-Toronto, had no sooner cast his eye ory goes back to the time when Owen paration could be made. In 1853 the us, Reverend Fathers, their example

Blessed Virgin in the mystery of the gate, rejoices with you upon this aus-Annunciation." To help in the severe picious occasion. We all sincerely work of serving his people he had two congratulate you and pray God to priests in the city, Fathers Gordon spare you for many years to govern and Carayon, Father John O'Reilly the Diocese whose interests you have at Dundas, Father Ryan at Brant- advanced so well. And as we look ford, Father Mesuer at St. Cle-back to.day, gratitude and praise ment's, Father Ebner, a Jesuit, at rise from this altar to the one Bishop St. Agatha, and two Jesuit Fathers who alone could give the harvest who

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tions. Whilst therefore it is with diffidence that I attempt to do the occasion anything like justice, it is with filial feeling I join with the con-

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