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God 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1842.

CALENDARY

- 5—Sunday—V after Pentecost.
- 6—Monday—Octave Day of SS Peter and Paul.
- 7—Tuesday—St Benedict XI, Pope and Confessor.
- 8—Wednesday—St Elizabeth, Queen and Widow.
- 9—Thursday—Feast of the Miracles of the B. V. M.
- 10—Friday—The Seven Brothers, ecc. Martyrs.
- 11—Saturday—St. Pius I, Pope and Martyr.

DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS POPE GREGORY XVI.

On Thursday evening the Eutauia conveyed from Europe the melancholy news which plunges the whole Catholic Church into the deepest affliction. The Father of the Faithful, the illustrious inheritor of the name, dignity, and virtues of Gregory the Great is no more! After a Pontificate, one of the most glorious in the Annals of the Church, he has been called to receive the reward of his truly apostolic career. We believe that during his brilliant reign, the boundaries of Christ's Kingdom on earth have been more extended than at any period since the days of St. Peter. One of the last and most important acts of his eventful career, was the noble stand which he took in behalf of religion and humanity against the Tyrant of all the Russias, to whom, before he descended into the grave, he addressed with undaunted courage a reproof for which succeeding ages will bless his memory.

Between nine and ten o'clock in the morning of the 1st of June Gregory XVI. breathed his last. His death was rather sudden, though not unnatural at his advanced age, and after the government of

the Church, during fifteen years of the most trying vicissitudes.

Mauro Capellari was born at Belluno, in the Venetian States on the 15th of September, 1755.

He belonged to the Order of Camaldoli, and when a simple monk, was celebrated for his vast knowledge in Ecclesiastical literature, and his acquaintance with the ancient languages.

In the Consistory of the 21st March 1825, Cardinal Capellari obtained numerous votes for Popedom from the Sacred College, and after the death of Pius VIII. he was chosen Pope, February 2, and took the name of Gregory XVI. He was crowned on the City of February same year, and took possession on the 31st March, 1832.

Need we say, that, as faithful children of the Church, it is our duty to pray for the ever lasting repose and glory of the august and venerable Pontiff whose loss we deplore, and at the same time to offer up our supplications to Heaven, that God may speedily raise up for His Church a new Pastor and visible Head on earth, who will direct her with the same admirable wisdom and undaunted courage.

Amidst all the afflicting circumstances of such a bereavement, we will derive consolation from the immortal promises made by Christ to the Church, for which he shed his most precious blood!

We have merely time and space to give this sad