

PASTORAL LETTER

OF THE

Fathers of the Third Provincial Council of
Quebec, etc.



We, by the mercy of God and the Grace of the Holy Apostolic See, the
Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Quebec, &c., &c.

To all Ecclesiastics and Religious Communities of both sexes, and to all
the Faithful of the said Province, Health and Benediction
in our Lord.

In closing the labours of our third Provincial Council, most Beloved Brethren,
we deem it necessary to write to you this Pastoral Letter, to express to you,
with one common accord, the lively solicitude, with which, during this Synod,
we have been concerned for your eternal welfare: *charissimi omnem sollicitu-*
dinem faciens scribere vobis de communi vestra salute, necesse habui scribere
vobis (Jud. 3).

Assembled in the Metropolitan City from the various parts of this vast
Province, as were the Apostles at Jerusalem, and secluded in the retirement of
the Council, as they were in the Cœnaculum, we maturely considered what we
ought to do, we who are their legitimate successors, in order to preserve the
sacred deposit of the Faith, which they have left us for an inheritance. Therefore,
we have judged that in these evil days, when the wicked man is sowing tares
profusely in the field of the Father of the family, it is our duty to raise our
voices together, to conjure you to keep a strict watch over this precious treasure:
Deprecans supercertari semel traditæ sanctis fidei. (Jud. 3).