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Immortal Rome.

(Reminiscence of Ordination)
in St. John Lateran's.



IMMORTAL Rome! how far-famed

Thy classic ruins old!
What memories historic
Thy seven hills unfold!
Yet brighter still the lustre
By Christ around thee cast;
More beautiful thy records
Of martyrs in the past.

Through catacombs and churches
Their sainted names resound,
Their blood, "the seed of Christians,"
Has sanctified the ground.
The scientist, the artist,
And tourists far from home,
Oft visit shores Italian,
To see "Immortal Rome,"

What bands of holy Priesthood
Our Holy Father greet,
And seek a benediction
When kneeling at his feet!
But there is one remembrance
More sweet than all to me;
Thy name, "San Giovanni,"
Now steals melodiously.

That seal of holy pilgrims
Which ne'er shall pass away;
These words "In es Sacerdos,"
"Thou art a Priest for aye."
The Sacred Host and Chalice,
The mystic oil of grace,
All these our loving Saviour
Imparted in this place.

Immortal Rome! around thee
My best affections twine,
Like flow'rets round the Altar
Where rests His Heart Divine.
And this, my peaceful Carmel,
From thee so far away
Is e'er embalmed with odor
Of "Roma" day by day.

*Ps. CLX, 5.

—ENFANT DE MARIE, St. Clare's.