

that noble generosity with which they have borne with us, and for their hearty co-operation in all our projects for good. We thank our generous, kind hearted, and noble children of the Laity, both rich and poor, young and old, for their invariable kindness to their chief Pastor and respective Pastors. Should God permit us to arrive at Rome, and again visit the Tombs of the Apostles and Martyrs; when kneeling there, and celebrating mass upon their altars, our most fervent prayers will be for the temporal and eternal happiness of our good children in Christ of Toronto. We shall also beg the Holy Father to send an especial blessing to all. We have made provisions for the administration of the Diocese in our absence, or in case of death. We have appointed our zealous, prudent, and pious Vicars Generals, viz.: Very Reverend Father Jamot, and Very Reverend Father Rooney, administrators of the Diocese. The Episcopal authority therefore resides in them; and we have every reason to hope that they will be loved, obeyed and respected more than we could hope for ourselves.

Every Sunday We have offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for all our children in Christ, and every Saturday for the Priests. We hope in return that we will not be forgotten in their mementoes at the Holy Altar, and in the private prayers of each of our faithful children.

This Pastoral is to be read in all the Churches and Religious Communities as soon as convenient after its reception.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communication of His Holy Spirit, be with you all.

† JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,

*Bishop of Toronto.*

*Given at St. Michael's Palace,  
29th September, Feast of St. Michael the Archangel.*

N. B.—His Lordship the Bishop leaves for Rome in the second week in October.