

earnest good wishes and blessings on those who are at present engaged in the arduous task of organization. Our space will not permit us to give more than the following extracts from the admirable letters of encouragement that have reached us since the last issue of the MESSENGER.

*From His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate :*

It is with deep pleasure that I learn that a Canadian pilgrimage is being organized for the sanctuary at Paray-le-Monial, where it will be met by other pilgrimages from all parts of the Catholic world ; and that at the close of the XIXth century and almost at the dawn of the XXth, those pilgrims desire to consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and to receive the graces and blessings which this loving and generous Heart will not fail to give abundantly. I cannot too strongly encourage this project ; I bless it with all my heart, and I trust that it will meet with full success. May this pilgrimage worthily represent the Canadian people so full of faith and piety, and may the solemn consecration which shall be made in their name, be the beginning of a new era in the devotion to the Sacred Heart, an era of peace, prosperity and happiness.

*From the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Halifax :*

I approve the project of a Canadian pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial, and cordially bless the undertaking and its director, the Rev. Father Pichon, S. J.

*From the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Toronto :*

The Holy Father's blessing and marked approval of a pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial must commend it to all lovers of the Sacred Heart, and the project of a Canadian pilgrimage under the direction of Father Pichon has my best wish for its complete success. The Canadian pilgrims will bear the homage of their fellow-Catholics to the principal shrine of the Sacred Heart, and procure for themselves, as well as for those who cannot accompany them, the graces and blessings given there so abundantly by the loving Heart of the Divine Redeemer ...

*From the Right Reverend the Bishop of Charlottetown :*

I hail with pleasure the proposal of a great pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial. Certainly the devotion of the Catholic world could not signalize the closing year of the century in a more fitting manner. I sincerely hope that many of our Canadian people will take advantage of this favorable opportunity to join in a great act of homage to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I most heartily approve and bless this pious project, and look forward to its full realization.