

stamp a living likeness of Christ on your own souls, and from these to transfer and reproduce it in the souls of those entrusted to your care.

When all the virtues of Jesus Christ are proposed for your imitation, then you are required to endeavor to copy all in an eminent degree, it might be considered wrong to point out any one as deserving special commendation, and if desired it might be thought difficult to make a selection.

It was this virtue which in a special manner distinguished his Blessed Mother, the highest and greatest of all pure creatures. It was this that made God look upon her, and do mighty things to her, so that 'all nations' should call her 'Blessed.'

All those who were distinguished in his service, all those whose ministry was by him made most efficacious, were particularly distinguished by this virtue.

It is meet then that on this day I lay special stress on the necessity of practising it, that I recommend it as that which above all other things should be clearly seen in your lives. It should distinguish you from others more than any other mark of your dignity. It will enable you to guard against the snares of the enemy who so often appears in the form of an angel of light and presents his plans under the plea of undertakings of zeal.

Fear not Right Rev. Fathers, that in being low in your own eyes, or rather rejoicing in your lowliness being admitted by others, your dignity shall suffer, or your authority be impaired.

All this is what the Church wished to express in her various ceremonies which accompanied the essential rite that has been performed. She wishes you to form a high idea of your dignity, but this above all, that you may live worthy of it.

It is at all times a great privilege to announce the truths of our holy religion, to cast abroad the seed which may produce fruit to salvation. How much more pleasing when one feels that he is casting it on good ground.

salvation of all men. The people edified by your virtues which shine among them as a burning light, many of them benefited by your ministrations, rejoice to see that light placed on a candlestick that it may shine for the advantage of greater numbers.

It is the general belief that the founders of new churches are generally endowed by God with special graces, that the vigor of the first stock may be left in their future growth.

You are 'the salt of the earth,' you are 'the light of the world.' So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.

THE PAPAL BULL CONVOKING THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

ROME, WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST OF JULY.—On the morning of the 29th of June, the feast of St. Peter and Paul, before the Holy Father came down to the Basilica of St. Peter the bull in which His Holiness summons the Bishops of the Church to the Ecumenical Council that is to be opened in the coming year 1869, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, was published with all due solemnity in the Portico of St. Peter.

Pius, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God in future memory of the event. 'The only begotten Son of the Eternal Father moved by the great charity with which he loved us, and that he might in the fulness of time redeem the entire human race from the yoke of sin, the slavery of the devil, and the darkness of error, in which, by reason of the fault of the first parent, it had hitherto been miserably enveloped, descending from his heavenly throne, and yet not receding from His Father's glory, having assumed our mortal coil from the Immaculate and Most Holy Virgin Mary, announced a doctrine and manner of life that was heaven-born, attested it with wonderful works, and delivered himself for us an oblation and holocaust to God in an odour of sweetness.

his rank and honor, and the extent of his principal and fullest authority, power and jurisdiction, he might feed the lambs and sheep, confirm his brethren, govern the universal church, and be the gate-keeper of heaven, the arbiter of things to be bound, and things to be loosed, his definite judgment being effective even in heaven' (St. Leo serm. l.)

Wherefore the Roman Pontiff, in the exercise of this power and charge, divinely committed to them by Christ our Lord himself in the person of blessed Peter, of feeding the entire flock of the Lord, never omitted to undertake any labor, and take all counsel that from the rising to the setting of the sun, all peoples, tribes, and nations might acknowledge evangelical doctrine, and walking in the paths of truth and justice, might attain eternal life.

Now, it is manifest and beyond all question that the Church is at present buffeted by a raging tempest, and civil society afflicted with incurable and serious evils. For, by the deadliest enemies of God and men, the Catholic Church, her saving doctrine, and the supreme authority of this apostolic see, is impugned and trampled upon, all sacred things are despised, ecclesiastical property plundered—bishops and other dignitaries of the ministry, and laymen conspicuous for their Catholic feeling, are persecuted in various ways; religious bodies are suppressed, and impious books of every kind, and pestiferous journals and most pernicious sects are everywhere diffused, and the educator of the unfortunate youth is almost everywhere taken out of the hands of the clergy, and what is still worse, in a few places entrusted to teachers of iniquity and error.

In such an accumulation of calamities, with which our heart is oppressed, the supreme pastoral ministry divinely entrusted to us demands that we exert all our strength to repair the breaches of the church, to ensure the salvation of the entire flock of Christ, to repel the deadly attacks and efforts of those who strive to overturn from its very foundations, if it ever could be done, the church herself and civil society.

But, treading in the illustrious footsteps of our predecessors, we have deemed it opportune to us had earnestly desired for some time past, to summon all our venerable brethren—the bishops of the entire Catholic world, who are called to share in our solicitude to a general council. And indeed those venerable brethren, inflamed with a singular love for the Catholic Church, remarkable for their extraordinary devotion and respect towards us and this apostolic see, anxious for the salvation of souls, distinguished for wisdom, learning and erudition, and fully as much as we do grieving over the wretched condition of sacred and public affairs, have been long accustomed as well to communicate to us their opinions and seek advice, as to adopt salutary remedies against so many calamities, for in this Ecumenical Council all those things are to be most accurately examined and decreed which regard, especially in these troublesome times, the greater glory of God, the integrity of the faith, the decorum of divine worship, the everlasting salvation of men, the discipline of both sections of the clergy, their salubry and solid culture, the observance of ecclesiastical laws, the Christian education of youth and the common peace and concord of all.

Wherefore—We relying on the authority of the Omnipotent God Himself, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and of his blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, which we bear on earth are invested with with the authority and assent of our venerable brethren, the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, proclaim, announce, convoke, and decree a sacred Ecumenical and General Council to be holden in this our beloved city of Rome in the coming year 1869, in the Vatican Basilica, and to be commenced on the 8th day of the month of December, sacred to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be continued, and with God's help, for His glory and the salvation of the entire Christian people, to be finished and brought to a close.

and all others to whom by right or privilege the power is granted of acting in general council, and giving opinions therein, most come to this general Council proclaimed by us, requiring, expelling, admonishing, and, moreover, warning, and strictly commanding them, by virtue of the oath which they have taken to us and the Holy See, and by virtue of holy obedience, and under the penalties by law or custom in the celebration of councils inflicted or usually proposed against those that do not come, that they themselves, unless, perchance, lawfully impeded, which, however, must be proved to the Synod by legitimate procurators, are bound to be present and take part in this Sacred Council.

We cloing also to the hope that God, in whose hands are men's hearts, yielding propitiously to our desires, may, by His ineffable mercy and grace, cause that the supreme rulers of the different nations, and Catholic rulers especially, recognising still more every day the immense benefits that will accrue to society from the Catholic Church, and that she is the firmest foundation of empires and kingdoms will not only not prevent our venerable brethren the bishops, and the others abovementioned from coming to this Council, but that they will encourage them, give them every facility, and studiously become Catholic princes, to operate in those matters which may redound to the greater glory of God and the good of the Council itself.

It shall not be lawful, therefore, to any man to infringe this page of our publication, announcement, convocation statute, decree, command, precept, and observation, or by any rash attempt to contradict it. If any one should presume to attempt this let him know that he shall incur thereby the indignation of Almighty God and of His blessed Apostles Peter and Paul.

Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, in the year of the Incarnation of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight on the 3rd of the calends of July, in the twenty-third year of our pontificate. I. Pius, Bishop of the Catholic Church. Loco et Signi.

(Here follow the signatures of their Eminences the Cardinals present in Curia.)

M CARDINAL MATTEI PRO DATARIO. N CARDINAL PAROCCIONI CLARELLI. Vices de Curia D. Bruti, I. Ougnonis. Loco et Signi. Reg in Secretaria Brevium.

THE LUTHER STATUE.—There was last week a ceremony at Worms, in Germany, the erection of a statue to Martin Luther. It is reported that the committee for the carrying out of the work received a telegraph message from the Queen of England, stating that Protestant England sympathized with Germany on the occasion.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES O'REILLY.—Stokesstown, June 30.—I sincerely regret to have to record the death of the Rev. James O'Reilly, which occurred on the 26th inst., in Ballinacorney, in the 83 year of his age, and 24th in the sacred ministry. Deceased had for some years felt the influence of a failing constitution, and was sinking perceptibly for the last two or three months.

THE TRAPPISTS OF MOUNT MELLARY ABBEY.—Mount Mellary, County of Waterford, or the Black Mountain (as it is sometimes called) is now a perfect garden, though recently a barren heath, until the Right Rev. Dr. Ryan, Abbot of the Trappists, and his exiled brother, from France, about the year 1829, obtained a grant of the tract from Sir Richard Keane (deceased), who was succeeded by his son, Sir John, and whose property is since considerably enhanced in value.

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eight in the evening, and rising at five in the morning throughout the year. Their diet is strictly vegetable, and raised upon their own gardens, never tasting either fish or flesh-meat, and no drink but pure water. In such matters they are rigidly austere. The chapel of the establishment is exquisitely beautiful, and excites the enthusiastic admiration of every visitor.

On June 29 the foundation stone of a Catholic Church was laid at Basbrook. The church, the walls of which are already some feet high, is on ground granted by J. G. Richardson, Esq., proprietor of Basbrook. The Most Rev. Dr. Kieran, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland, laid and blessed the stone, after which the Rev. Mr. Forde preached an eloquent sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The Messrs. Gradwell, of Drogheda, have kindly placed at the disposal of the Rev. Andrew Garney, P. P., a piece of ground near the Court-house, Ballinacorney, for the erection of a National School. In addition to two efficient existing schools this want is now about to be supplied.

At the Rathfriland Petty Sessions, on Friday, Patrick Doyle was brought up on summons, charged by the Rev. Bernard Hughes, parish priest of Drumgooland, with having, on Sunday, the 21st June, wilfully interrupted and prevented the complainant in the performance of Divine service in the Catholic Chapel at Doonost. It appeared from the evidence that the Rev. Mr. Hughes had on May 31st admonished young people on the impropriety of leaving the church during service. On Sunday, June 21st (it was alleged), Patrick Doyle raised himself from his seat and interrupted the service by talking out and by subsequently calling the rev. gentleman names. The bench ordered Doyle to pay a fine of 10s, and 10 costs.

The weather continues excessively warm the temperature for the last few days averaging as high as 116 in the sun, Strange looking insects, resembling mosquitoes both in appearance and blood sucking properties, are said to have appeared in parts of this county, and to be causing the greatest annoyance to both animals and Christians. A result of the tropical summer, doubtless, if the fact be as stated. —Limerick Cor. or Cork Examiner, June 26.

The Poor Law Commissioners for Ireland, in their annual report, state that the farm rents, according to all information on the subject, have been most promptly and cheerfully paid during the last two years, and the poor rates certainly were never more easily collected.

The report of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, just issued, states that during the past year the applications for loans under the Land Improvement Act have increased by 47, and the amount issued by £12 895.

Dublin has a population of three hundred and eighteen thousand. The Lord Chancellor has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Lieutenant of the county, to appoint Courtenay Newton, Esq., of Killymeane House, Danganon, a Commissioner of the Peace for the County Tyrone.

The Trinity Sessions for the Division of Limerick were opened on June 26, in the County Courthouse in Limerick, by Mr. John Leahy, Q. C., Chairman of the County, who took his seat on the bench at 11 o'clock, and proceeded with the hearing of undefeuded County and City Civil Bills.

Immense numbers of trout are reported to have been found floating dead in the Shannon about Killaloe, on June 26, but whether poisoned or from what cause does not appear.

A quantity of potatoes grown by Russell Pattenou, Esq., of Fair Hill, attracted much attention in the Dundalk market on June 29. These potatoes were of excellent quality.

About six o'clock P. M., on July 3 two youths named Warren and Mullin went down the river in a sailing boat as far as Loch Mahon, where a sudden breeze upset the little vessel, throwing the two lads into the water. They held on for over three quarters of an hour, until another boat came up and rescued them. —Cork Paper.

We are sorry to announce that no fewer than eighteen ejections are to be tried at the present quarter sessions of Nenagh, before the humane chairman of this county. They are all for non title. It is fearful to contemplate the misery that must follow if the ejections are carried to extremes—the sorrow and tears of the old, and the maddening vengeance of the young. —Tipperary Advertiser.

THE JULY ANNIVERSARIES.—BALLYVAH, July 6.—The spire of this church was decorated with an orange and purple banner in the usual manner. The rector was absent, and having returned for service on Sunday, determined, if possible, to have the flag removed. He despatched a messenger to the constabulary at Ballyvah, for assistance. The Orangemen of the neighbourhood then assembled in large numbers, and themselves previous to the arrival of the constabulary, removed the flag from the church and placed it on a house on the public roadside opposite, where it remained all day. The rector, a very popular gentleman and a magistrate of the county, soon after conducted the service.

On last Wednesday evening, at sunset, and as the various groups of young folk were returning home from Portadown, an intimation that Mr. Gladstone would be burned in effigy at Emderry, near the town, attracted considerable numbers to witness the novel but very significant exhibition. The attempt to depict the leader of the Opposition was extremely ludicrous, and, considering the heavy manner in which it was done, might be considered ingenious. In one hand a roll of paper was placed. The burning was accompanied by rounds of yells, which continued until not a vestige remained. The utmost order prevailed. —Belfast News-Letter.

The anniversary of the 1st of July passed off very peaceably in Belfast, Sandy Row, Brown-square, Brown street, The Pound, Darham street, and the other localities known in past days, as the 'disturbed districts,' assumed little more than their wonted appearance.

Dublin, July 15.—A collision occurred in Mowghlan to day between the Orangemen and Catholics, in which four we wounded.

Acting-Constable Dooley, of Manor-street Station, Waterford, recommended for promotion, some time ago, by the Grand Jury at Assize, for deserving conduct on trying occasion, has been raised to the rank of full constable. Acting-Constable John Gaffoy, of the Yellow Road Station, has been raised to the rank and pay of full Constable, on the recommendation of the County Inspector and Sub-Inspector and transferred to Kilmacross. Constable Gaffoy is an intelligent and very deserving officer.

Mr. Bright has reluctantly declined the invitation of the Liberals of Cork to visit that city, which previous engagements prevent him accepting. He hopes however, to be able to avail himself of it on a future occasion.

A young man named James Simpson, employed as a mason at the building of a side wall, adjoining Mr. A. Collum's house in Enniskillen, in connection with the New Chapel, fell off a scaffold and received serious injury. He was removed to the County Infirmary.

The Annual Show of the Fermanagh Farming Society will take place this year in the New Market, Enniskillen, on the 16th September. There were 325 papers in Enniskillen Workhouse on Saturday, 20th June.