

Council of the Vatican. Therefore our most Holy Lord, Pius IX, Pope, being moved by the recent mournful events, has been pleased to comply with the desires of the Prelates, and to commit to Saint Joseph's most powerful patronage Himself and all the Faithful, and has declared Saint Joseph PATRON OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH; and has commanded his festival, occurring on 19th day of March, to be celebrated for the future as a Double of the First Class, but yet without an Octave on account of Lent.

Finally, He has ordained that on this day sacred to the Blessed Virgin Mother of God and her most chaste Spouse S. Joseph, a declaration to that effect by this present Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites be then published. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

The 8th day of Decembre, 1870.

CONSTANTINE, BISHOP OF OSTIA AND VELLETRI,

C. CARDINAL PATRIZI, *Prefet of the Sacred Cong.*

Loco † Sigilli

D. BARTOLINI, *Secretary.*

*Décret de la S. Congrégation des Indulgences, au sujet des exercices en l'honneur de Saint-Joseph durant le mois de Mars.*

URBIS ET ORBIS.

Cum in patrocinio S. Josephi sponsi B. M. V., maxima populo christiano juvaminis et praesidii spes in dies effulgeat, SS. D. N. Pius IX Papa quamplurimum fidelium votis benigne annuens, per rescriptum secretariae brevium die 12 junii 1855, concessit omnibus christifidelibus peragen-