

rous that the college of Our Venerable Brethren the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church should be renowned for eminent men worthy of that illustrious order. For this reason We have thought well to enroll you among this body, for your brilliant learning, your piety, your firmness to the faith induce us to hope that your services will adorn and benefit the church of God. We have therefore created you a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church and send you through Our Beloved Son Henry O'Bryen, Our private chamberlain the scarlet Berretta, one of the insignia of this high dignity. When you have duly received it you will know that the fullness of the Cardinalial dignity has been conferred upon you. Be not scared by dangers, but struggle manfully for the church of God, even unto the shedding of your blood, for it is precious in the sight of the Lord. We commend to your good offices him whom We send to you not for what he brings but for Our sake. Moreover We desire that before you receive the Berretta, you take the oath which the same Henry O'Bryen will administer to you, that you sign it with your own hand, and return it to Us either through him or some other person.

Given at S. Peters in Rome under the ring of the Fisherman the seventh day of June 1886, in the ninth year of Our Pontificate.

(Signed) M. CARD. LEDOCHOWSKY.

LEO PPIII.

Venerabilis Frater salutem et Apostolicam
Benedictionem.

In Apostolicæ Sedis fastigio Divina miserante clementia, meritis licet imparibus, constituti, deque catho-