

The CATHOLIC CHRONICLE...

DEVOTED TO FOREIGN NEWS

UNITED STATES AMERICA TO POPE LEO

The following article has been sent by the entire hierarchy of the United States to the Holy See on the occasion of his Pontifical Jubilee...

Most Holy Father—Let this letter be an ample testimony of the joy with which we have hailed the auspicious day which has just brought with it a new source of rejoicing to the whole world...

THE NEW SPLENDOR ADDED TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BY LEO XIII.

But we cannot consent to stop at the expression of those sentiments. For it is fitting that some should commemorate a father's glorious and illustrious deeds which have added with the flight of years new splendor to the Church of Christ...

THE ABUNDANT FRUITS OF THE POPE'S WISE TEACHINGS.

Nor have you been unmindful, Most Holy Father, of that other charge which has been laid upon you by Him who, constituted by God as king over Sion, His holy mountains, was at the same time the true light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world...

ly of the working classes and those who in the poverty of Christ has gloried in His trials. It has been stimulated in the language of the Blessed Joseph. Withal you have not only with supreme kindness provided for the necessities and the advantages of the religious families who follow the evangelical counsels...

THE BENEFITS CONFERRED ON THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

These are assuredly striking evidences of your solicitude in ruling, teaching and sanctifying the Church of Christ. But it is eminently fitting that those who have been honored with special tokens of your benevolence should call to mind the proofs of your marked paternal goodness to them, and to return heartfelt thanks for the benefits they have received at your hands...

MORE PROOFS OF LEO'S SOLICITUDE FOR AMERICA

These were but the beginning of the benefits you have conferred upon us. We will never forget the kindness with which you received our plan for the founding in the heart of this republic of a Catholic university. For, Most Holy Father, nobody questions that the great centre of study, founded several years ago at Washington, is mainly your work...

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION AT WASHINGTON.

Yet not even here do the manifestations of your paternal love for us stop. For among others there is one which cannot be passed by in silence—I mean the establishment of the American Legation. You yourself have more than once enlightened us as to the importance of this, giving many reasons why the presence of an Apostolic Delegate is to be regarded as a proof of your affection for us...

unity among ourselves unimpaird, to defend the rights of the Apostolic See, to profess the truth of the Catholic faith—for this we strive, for this we shall strive to the shedding of our blood. Such, Most Holy Father, are the sentiments we would express to you in our joy and in token of our filial devotion and our due reverence...

J. CARDINAL GIBBONS In his own name and in that of all the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States Baltimore, March 3, 1902

POPE LEO'S RESPONSE TO THE AMERICAN BISHOPS

To our Beloved Son James, of the title of Santa Maria in Trastevere Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church, Gibbons, and to the other Archbishops and Bishops of the United States of America. Beloved son and venerable brothers, health and benediction. Certainly we have reason to rejoice, and the Catholic world, through reverence for the Apostolic See, has reason to rejoice at the extraordinary fact that we are to be reckoned as the third in the long line of Roman Pontiffs to whom it has been happily given to enter upon the twenty-fifth year of the Supreme Priesthood...

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THE WONDERFUL PROGRESS OF CATHOLICITY IN AMERICA

Your chief praise is that you have promoted and sedulously continue to foster the union of your churches with this chief of churches and with the Vicar of Christ on earth. Herein, as you rightly confess, is the apex and centre of government teaching and priesthood, the source of that unity which Christ destined for His church, and which is one of the most powerful notes distinguishing it from all human sects. The fruitful exercise of this government and teaching has never been left wanting to any nation by us, and we have never permitted that you or your people should suffer the lack of it. For we have gladly availed ourselves of every opportunity to testify the constancy of our solicitude for you and for the interests of religion among you. And our daily experience obliges us to confess that we have found your people, through your influence, endowed with perfect docility of mind and alacrity of heart. Therefore, while the changes and the tendencies of nearly all the nations which have for long ages been in possession of Catholicism give cause for sorrow, the state of your churches, in their flourishing youthfulness, cheers our mind and fills us with gladness. True, you are shown no special favor by the law of the land, but on the other hand you lawgivers are certainly entitled to praise for the fact that they do nothing to restrain you in your just liberty. You must, therefore, and with the Catholic host behind, make strenuous use of the favorable time for action which is now at your disposal by spreading broad as far as possible the light of truth against the errors that prevail and the sects of absurd opinions that continue to spring up.

THE GREAT WORK DONE IN THE UNITED STATES BY CATHOLIC EDUCATORS.

We are not unaware, venerable brothers, of all that has been done by every one of you for the establishment and the success of schools and academies for the proper education of children. By your zeal in this respect you have clearly acted in conformity with the exhortations of the Apostolic See and the prescriptions of the Council of Baltimore. Your magnificent work on behalf of ecclesiastical seminaries has assuredly been calculated to increase the prospects of good to be done by the clergy and to add to their dignity. Nor is this all. You have wisely taken measures to enlighten students and to draw them to the truth by appointing learned and worthy members of the clergy to go about from district to district to ad-

dress them in public in familiar style in temples and other buildings, and to solve the difficulties that may be advanced. An excellent plan, and one which we know has already borne abundant fruit. Nor has your charity been unmindful of the sad lot of the negro and the Indian—you have sent them teachers, helped them liberally, and you are most zealously providing for their eternal salvation. We are glad to add a stimulus, if such be necessary, to enable you to continue these undertakings with full confidence that your work is worthy of commendation.

Finally, not to omit the expression of our gratitude we would have you know what satisfaction you have caused us by the liberality with which your people are endeavoring to contribute by their offerings to relieve the penury of the Holy See. Many indeed and great are the necessities for which the Vicar of Christ as Supreme Pastor and Father of the Church's bound to provide in order to avert injury and to promote the faith. Hence your generosity becomes an exercise and a testimony of our faith. For all these reasons we wish to declare to you again and again our affection for you. Let the Apostolic blessing, which we bestow most lovingly in the Lord upon you all and upon the flocks entrusted to each one of you, be taken as a token of this affection and an augury of Divine gifts.

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