

# THE CROSS.



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and forbid that should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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## CALENDAR.

- NOVEMBER 29—First Sunday of Advent.  
30—St. Andrew, Apostle.
- DECEMBER 1—St. Didacus, C.  
2—Fast St. Bibiana, V. M.  
3—St. Francis Xavier, C.  
4—Fast St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor.  
5—St. Gelasius, I. P. C.

## PIUS IX.

Professor Raikem of the University of Liege has communicated to the Historical Journal of that city the following letter on the early history of Pius IX :

SIR—

Convinced that anything relating to the Holy Father must be interesting to you, I take the liberty of stating that I received a letter from Florence a few days since in which I am informed, that the new Pope commenced his studies at the College of Volterra, where he remained for six years as a boarder. At the news of his elevation the Reverend Fathers of the Pious Schools who preside over this establishment, with their worthy Provincial Father Giovanni Inghirami, one of the most learned mathematicians in Italy celebrated the happy event by a solemn religious festival in their church of St Michael. The Sovereign Pontiff expressed his gratitude by sending them a

splendid chalice which was to be presented on the day of St Joseph Calasanctius, Founder of the institution of the Regular Brothers of the Pious Schools, by the Bishop of that city, Monseigneur Gaston Incontre, from whom his Holiness received tonsure, at his entrance into the Ecclesiastical State.

On Wednesday, His Holiness visited the Pontifical Palace of Castel-Gondolfo, near Albano.— Having set out in the morning, the Holy Father did not return until the close of the evening, upon his arrival, however, he found more than thirty thousand people, assembled at the entrance of the city, who, notwithstanding the unfavourable appearance of the weather, had awaited him for many hours. The most lively acclamations burst forth on the return of the Holy Father, who had been accompanied to the Quirinal by a crowd of people of all classes. In testimony of his gratitude the Pope immediately appeared in the great balcony, from which he gave his benediction in the midst of profound silence, followed again by the same acclamations. The Prelates who are acquainted with the private life of Pius IX., express their admiration of his virtues; they frequently eulogise his humility, of which few Popes have given a more brilliant example.

On the morning of Friday the 9th of October His Holiness Pope Pius IX., accompanied by all his court, visited the Venerable Church of St.