

HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP ROCHE WAS CONSECRATED TO-DAY BY MGR. STAGNI.

Consecration of the Most Rev. Edward P. Roche, D.D., Archbishop - Elect of St. John's, Newfoundland, by His Excellency the Most Revd. P. F. Stagni, O.S.M., Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Nfld.

To-day, the Feast of the Apostles S. Peter and Paul, will be one long to be remembered in this city as the day on which the Most Rev. Edward Patrick Roche, D.D., was raised to the exalted position of Archbishop of St. John's and Metropolitan of Newfoundland. Never before in the history of the Roman Catholic Church in Newfoundland was such an inspiring ceremony attended by so many representatives of the Church, as assembled to assist at the consecration of the Archbishop-Elect which ceremony was performed by His Excellency Most Rev. Monsignor Stagni, Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist this morning.

THE PROCESSION.
At 8.30 a.m. the procession started from the Palace and proceeded to the Cathedral in the following order:—

Thurifer.
Processional Cross Bearer between two Acolytes.
The Book Bearer.
The Clergy.
Assistant Master of Ceremonies.
Chaplain for Book of Gospels.
The Book Bearer.
The Monsignor, Bishop O'Leary.
Bishop Power.
THE ARCHBISHOP-ELECT.
Supported by two Assistant Bishops, Rt. Rev. Bishop Morrison, of Antigonish, and Rt. Rev. Bishop March, of St. John's.
Master of Ceremonies.
THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE, with Deacons of Honour.
Crosier Bearer.
Mitre Bearer.
Bugia Bearer.
Train Bearer.
Book Bearer.



HIS EXCELLENCY MONSIGNOR STAGNI.

THE CEREMONY.

When the procession reached the Sanctuary His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate put on the Pontifical Vestments and took his seat on the fold-stool in the centre of the altar. Rt. Rev. Bishop March, the Senior Bishop of the Archdiocese, then addressed the Consecrator in the following words:—

"Most Rev. Father, our Holy Mother the Catholic Church prays that you would raise the Priest here present to the Episcopal charge."

Consecrator—Have you the Apostolic Commission?

Senior Bishop.—We have.

Consecrator.—Let it be read.

The Papal Bulls were then read, after which the examination of the Bishop-Elect was conducted by the Consecrator, as follows:—

The Order established of old by the Holy Fathers, teaches and commands that whoso is elected to the Episcopal Order shall be beforehand diligently examined in all charity, concerning the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and shall be questioned as to the divers relations and virtues suitable to this charge, and this practice must needs be maintained according to the warning of the Apostle, "Lay hands hastily on no man; both that he who is to be ordained may learn how he behaves him, when appointed to this dignity, to behave in the Church of God, and that they who lay hands upon him may be free from blame. In virtue of this authority and commandment we now ask of thee, well-beloved Brother, in sincere charity, whether thou be ready, in so far as thy nature permits, to conform thy judgment to the maxims of Divine Scripture?"

The Bishop-elect then slightly inclined uncovered his head, and replied:—

"With my whole heart I am willing to conform thereto, and to obey it in all things."

Consecrator.—Wilt thou, by word and example teach the people whom thou art to be ordained, what thou learnest from the Divine Scriptures?

Bishop-elect.—I will.

Consecrator.—Wilt thou reverently receive, teach and observe the traditions of the orthodox Fathers, as well as the Decretal letters and Constitutions of the Holy and Apostolic See?

Bishop-elect.—I will.

Consecrator.—Wilt thou, in all things, show fear, subjection and obedience, according to canonical rule, to R. Peter the Apostle, to whom God gave the power of binding and loosing; and to his Vicar or Lord Pope Benedict and to his successors, the Roman Pontiffs?

Bishop-elect.—I will.

Consecrator.—Wilt thou in thy manners refrain thyself from all evil, inasmuch as thou art able, by the Lord's help, change them for the better?

Bishop-elect.—I will.

Consecrator.—Wilt thou, with God's help, keep and teach chastity and sobriety?

Bishop-elect.—I will.

Consecrator.—Wilt thou ever be engaged in Divine things, and estranged, so far as human frailty will permit, from earthly cares and sordid gains?

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Consecrator.—Wilt thou in thine own bearing observe humility and patience, and teach the same to others?

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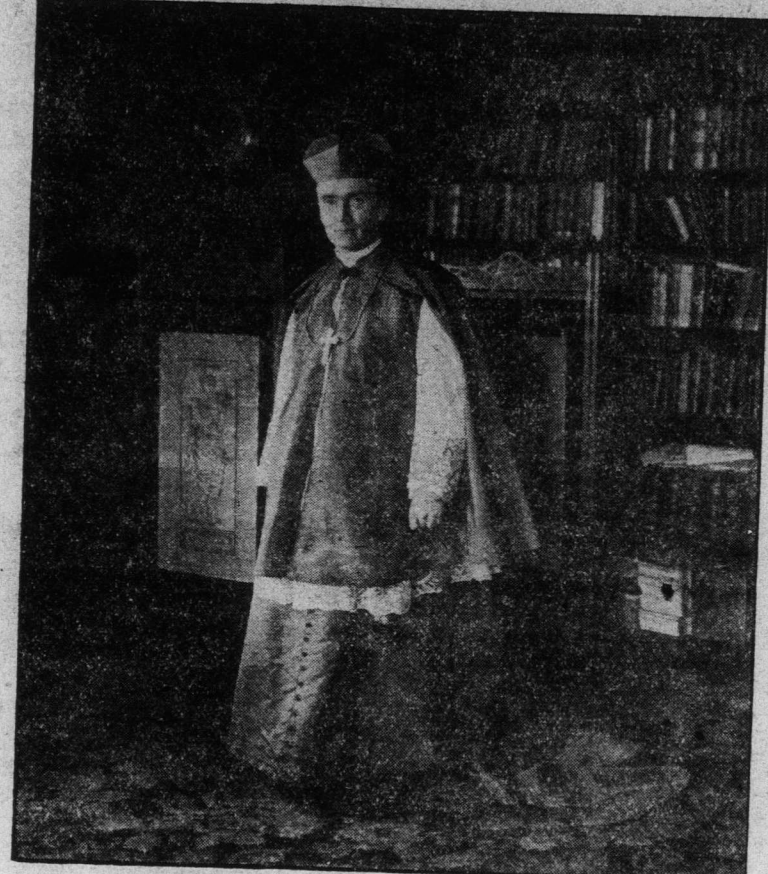
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of the flesh; on the fortieth day after his resurrection with the flesh with which he rose, and the Soul, to have ascended into heaven; and to sit at the right hand of the Father; thence to come to judge the living and the dead; and to render to each one according to his works, whether they have been good or evil?

Bishop-elect.—I assent; and thus in all do I believe.

Consecrator.—Do you believe also in the Holy Ghost full and perfect and true God, proceeding from the Father and the Son, co-equal, and co-essential, co-omnipotent, and co-eternal in all ways with the Father and the Son?

Bishop-elect.—I believe.

Consecrator.—Do you believe the Holy Trinity to be not three Gods but one God Almighty, eternal, invisible and unchangeable?

Bishop-elect.—I believe.

Consecrator.—Do you believe the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church to be the One True Church, in which alone is given true Baptism, and the true remission of all sins?

Bishop-elect.—I believe.

Consecrator.—Do you anathematize also all heresy, setting itself up against this Holy Catholic Church?

Bishop-elect.—I do anathematize.

Consecrator.—Do you believe also the true resurrection of this same flesh which you now bear and life everlasting?

Bishop-elect.—I believe.

Consecrator.—Do you believe also God the Lord omnipotent alone to be the author of the New and Old Testament, and of the Law both of the Prophets and the Apostles?

Bishop-elect.—I believe.

Consecrator.—May this faith be increased in you by God, to a true and eternal happiness, most beloved brother in Christ.

All answer: Amen.

The examination being over His Excellency the Consecrator, with his ministers, proceeded to the foot of the Altar and with the Bishop-elect at his left hand began the mass. After the Psalm Judica, Me, Confiteor, etc., had been said, the celebrant proceeded to the Consecrating Throne.

After being vested with his Pontifical vestments the Bishop-elect then read the mass as far as the Gospel, inserting the special collect for the consecration service. When the Bishop-elect had finished the "gradual" he addressed by the Consecrator:

"It behoves a Bishop to judge, to interpret, to consecrate, to ordain, to offer sacrifice, to baptize and confirm."

Rising, the Consecrator continued:—

"Let us pray, dearest brethren, that the loving kindness of Almighty God may fit of His Church, bestow a plentiful grace on this Bishop-elect. Through Christ our Lord, R. Amen."

Following this the Bishop-elect at the foot of the Altar, kneeling while the Litany of the Saints was being sung. Just before the conclusion of the Litany the Consecrator arose and the special invocations followed:

"That it may please Thee to bless this Bishop-elect here present."

R. We beseech Thee to hear us."

"That it may please Thee to bless and to sanctify this Bishop-elect here present."

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"That it may please Thee to bless and to sanctify and to consecrate this Bishop-elect here present."

After the Litany the Consecrator placed a Book of the Gospels open upon the shoulders of the Bishop-elect to signify that though he is to govern others, yet he himself is to be subject to the Law of the Gospel. Then followed the

IMPOSITION OF HANDS.

The Consecrator, taking off his mitre, continued as follows:

"Graciously give ear, O Lord, to our supplications, and turning over me, Thy Servant the horn of Priestly grace, pour out upon him the strength of Thy benediction. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, Amen."

Choir. The Lord be with you.

Choir. And with thy spirit.

Consecrator. Peace be to thee.

The next part of the ceremony was

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HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP POWER.

Consecrator. Let us lift up our hearts.

Choir. We have lifted them up to the Lord.

Consecrator. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Choir. It is meet and just.

Consecrator. It is truly meet and just right and wholesome, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, Holy Lord, Father of the universe, everlasting God, who in the privacy of familiar converse, didst, among other lessons of heavenly training, instruct Thy servant Moses as to the form of the priestly vesture, and command Aaron, Thy chosen Priest, and his sons, to offer sacrifices, in mystic garb, that after generations might gain understanding from the customs of preceding ones and that the knowledge of Thy teachings might not be wanting to any age; as the visible emblem of our souls, and as the Pontifical dignity is set off, not by the splendour of vesture, but by the excellence of soul. Nay, even the Priestly ornaments, which in those days dazzled the eyes of the carnal mind, were meant to inculcate the virtues of which they were the emblems. Do Thou then, we beseech Thee, O Lord, bestow on Thy servant, whom Thou hast called to minister as high-priest, the grace that what those garments, prefigured, by sheen of gold, flashing of gems, and cunning of varied embroidery, may shine forth in his chosen Priest, the perfection of Thy service, and actions decked him with the ornaments of supreme dignity, do Thou sanctify him with the outpouring of heavenly unction.

ANOIDING OF THE HANDS.

The anthem and psalm being sung, the Consecrator then anointed with Holy Chrism both hands of the Bishop-Elect to show that he has received the power of blessing and consecrating. The following was said during the anointing:—

"May these hands be anointed with hallowed oil, and with the chrism of sanctification, even as Samuel anointed David the Prophet-King, so may they be anointed and consecrated in the Name of God the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, do we make the Sign of the Cross of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from death, and brought us to the kingdom of Heaven. Hear us, tender Father Almighty, everlasting God, and grant that what we ask of Thee we may obtain. Through the same Christ our Lord, R. Amen."

May God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleased to raise thee to the dignity of the high-priesthood, shed upon thee the Chrism and the oil of mystical anointing, and make thee fruitful with the fullness of spiritual blessing, that whatsoever thou bleesest may be blessed, what thou hallowest may be hallowed, and that the laying on of his consecrated hand, or thumb, may conduce to the salvation of all. R. Amen.

CONFERRING THE CROZIER.

The Consecrator then bound the hands of the newly consecrated Bishop with a linen cloth and presented to him his Pastoral Staff the emblem of his charge as the Shepherd of his flock, during which the following was said:—

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