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ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR. JUNE - 1870.

Friday, 10 - Ember Day. Of the Octave. Saturday, 11 Ember Day. Of the Octave. Sunday, 12 - First after Pentecost. Monday, 13-St. Anthony of Padua; Tuesday 14-St Basil B C. D. Wednesday, 15-St. Barnabas, Ap. Thursday, 16-Conrcs Casisti, Obl.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Irish Land Bill has at last made its way through the House of Commons, and is row before the Lords, who we expect will allow it to pass without any very important modifications as to the principle therein contained. From Contipental Europe the most important item of news is with reference to the "Eastern Question" which is again looming on the horizon. Egypt is arming, as if in preparation for a struggle with Turkey, and it is reported has contracted an Pastor of souls, Our Lord Jesus Christ. alliance with Russia. The Council at Rome continues its labors, and the result of its delibera tions on the Papacy will probable be before the world by the end of the month.

For the present the Feman excitement is at an end. The Volunteers have been recalled, and dismissed to their usual avocations, and the last of the Imperial troops are on the eve of their departure. The press of the U. States, not fail, and on account of that never-failing generally, is loud in its condemnation of the folly faith, Peter, converted, should confirm his and wickedness of the late raid; and the incom petence, if not the deliberate treachery of O'Neill and the other leaders is universally conceded. The U. States Government, which considering its weakness against any popular movement, did its duty well even if tardily, is we are told pre paring to prosecute O'Neill for his violation of the law against enlistments to attack a Power with which the country is at peace; and we may hope that at last it will take active, and efficient means to put down an organization which has for its openly avowed object the waging of war against the British Empire. It has too long to lerated, rather should we say encouraged such simplicity of the dove was to be united with the an organisation, thus promoting a contempt for prudence of the serpent. its own laws, and aiding to build up an imperium in imperio which is as dangerous to itself, as to its neighbors.

The great calamity which befell the settlers in the Saguenay district has aroused general sympathy for the susterers, numbering so we learn many thousands of persons who have lost their all by the fire. Crops, fences, houses, all have perished in the flames. As far as can be gathered at present the fire was occasioned by the carelessness of some settlers who were burning logs on newly cleared land. Owing to the drouth the flames spread with extracrdinary rapidity, and the inhabitants had barely time to save their lives, plunging for this purpose into wells, swamps, and the lake. It is feared that several persons have perished. Under these circumstances assistance for the sufferers is loudly called for; and of course, as usual the appeal has been well responded to, the ecclesiastical au thorities of Quebec and Montreal setting the example. The fire is said to have extended over an area of 1,500 miles square. The latest bulletins from Ottawa represent the health of Sir John Macdonald as improving.

> THE COUNCIL. (From the Vatican.)

The ordinary Sessions of the Council have been resumed, and the forty ninth General Congregation assembled on the 4th instant. Mass was said by Mgr. Athanasius Kanam, Archbishop of Tyre, of the Greek-Melchite rite. The Car dinal President de Angelis then announced to the Fathers the death of Mgr. Devoncoux. B: shop of Evreux, and recommended him to their prayers. The assistant-secretary read the names of ten Bishops who solicited permission, for reasons of health to return to their dioceses. The Commission of Excuses having approved, their request was granted, subject to the sanc tion of the Sovereign Pontiff.

The discussion of the amended schema of the Little Catechism, and of the amendments themselves, was then resumed. Mgr. Swerger, Bi shop of Seckau, addressed to the Council a

the Commission of Dogma. The vote was then taken. About 500 Fathers said placet, and 56 non-placet. When the vote is taken again in Public Session the majority will probably be increased and the minority be diminished, or altogether disappear. Several Bishops are said to object to the new Catechiem, not on account of its new doctrine, but because their people are accustomed to another, to which they are attached, and which they would prefer to retain. No day was fixed for the next General Congregation, of which notice would be given by the cursores at the domicile of the Fathers.

A trustworthy Roman correspondent gives us the following information: "The Garibaldians are in great activity. They pretend to count upon the Bishops of the 'Opposition' for causing trouble in Rome, and dividing Catholics. But they only delude themselves in counting upon them, for this reason among others, because the Opposition' constantly diminishes, while the majority constantly augments. One Archbishop said the other day: 'It is all over with our opposition; the doctrine is true and it must be defined.' Another Bishop is reported to have observed: 'What is the use of our opposing a dogma which, five minutes after our vote, will become an Article of Faith which we shall all believe' :"

PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS GRACE THE FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH, by the Grace of God and by the Appointment of the Holy See, Archbishop of Toronto.

To Our Beloved Clergy, Religious Communities, and People confided to Our Pastoral Care, Health and Benediction in Our Lord.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius IX., the successor of St. Peter, and Christ's Vicar on earth. watches from the height of His Apostolic Chair. the flock confined to his charge by the great

He, with anxious solitude, marks their decrease, their increase, their want and their progress; and in virtue of His Apostolic authority, guides, directs, chides, encourages and supplies their wants. The command of Christ to St. Peter, was "feed my lambs, feed my sheep." This Peter performs in his Successors; and performs the office with the promise of never feeding them with false doctrines. Christ prayed for Peter especially, that his faith should brethren in that faith, in as much as, their faith might fail, as Christ did not pray for their faith. as He did for Peter's. Thus, the wiles of the demon who sought to destroy the Church of Christ by conquering Peter, the foundation stone-the rock upon which it was built-were foiled by the prayer of Our Lord Jesus Christ; not prevail against His Church, is kept and se-

As this Church is the great ark of salvation launched on the troubled waters of this world, into which all who wish to be saved from the deluge are to enter, it must be protected with all the guarantees and safeguards that Divine and human wisdom thought necessary. The

The Church, viewed as a merely human institution, challenges the admiration of the most cultivated of even modern philosophers. It conquers when it is defeated; when it is thought to be dead and buried, behold it rises more glorious than before. Hence, how foolish and absurd the many predictions about the last Pope, and the end of Catholicity, indulged in by persons who have the Bible ever in their lips, but whose hatred of our Holy Religion blinds them to their clear teachings of Holy Writ on

the subject. The Church, according to the prediction of Christ, is to last for ever, though always to be persecuted. Its founder, Jesus Christ the Son of God, was crucified in the vigor of youth, when His Church was in its infancy, and had gained no credit in quarters likely to secure its for the flock recommitted to his care, he was insuccess. St. Peter and St. Paul were martyred at a time, when, humanly speaking, their preaching and miracles were most needed. St. Stephen, St. James, and many more were put to Father the Pope; and on the following day took death to terrify others, and still the Church his seat in the Œcumenical Council, as the first gained in numbers. For nearly three hundred Archbishop of Toronto. We think it better to secure pledge of eternal salvation; so that on years the mighty power of the Roman Empire mention those facts to you, Beloved People, that the day of the coming and revelation of the was wielded for its destruction. Its temples were torn down, its sacred books were burned, its faithful children were torn to pieces by wild beasts in the Roman amphitheatre: the Chris- hope is in the mercy of God, who chooses the tian blood flowed in torrents, and soddened the very dust and thoroughfares of the seven hilled may be the more manifest to all. Our hope Ghost for ever and ever. Amen. city. Those whom the sword or the fangs of again is in His holy and immaculate Mother, who the wild beast spared, were driven into exile, or protected us from our youth. We hope in the had to bury themselves away in the sepulchral intercession and guardianship of St. Michael the gloom of the catacombs; yet the Church passed Archangel—the glorious Patron of the Diocese; through this fiery ordeal as gold through the in St. Joseph, the chosen one of God, to be on

Scarcely had persecution by the sword ceased, when another grievous trial awaited her, in the shape of the smiles and blandishments of the world, and in the favors and patronage of the Cæsars; but as she had come out unscratched from the fiery furnace of persecution, so over bonnel, who, the more securely to save his own this trial also, she won a most glorious victory. In fact, suffering seems to be her normal state. solemn vows under the austere Order of St. In the name of the Father † and of the Son and For the last three hundred years she has suf- Francis, of the Capuchin branch, where he leads of the Holy Ghost. Amen. fered more or less severely, especially in Europe, a most holy and useful life. It was to us a great from unjust laws, usurpations of her rights and | coasolation and honor to have received the Palconfiscations of her property, as well as from the imprisonment, banishment, and even death be assisted by our beloved and venerable predeof many of her best children, not to speak of cessor who consecrated us Bishop, and who had of many of her best condition, not to speak of the honor to be consecrated himself by the Holy dishops, or ordains Priests and other Sacred the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the the constant and cruel calumny and sneers the honor to be consecrated himself by the Holy dishops, or ordains Priests and other Sacred the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the launched at her in public speeches, in parliamen. Father. We felt truly that Monseigneur De Ministries of the Aliar; for in these sacred great God, and our Saviour Jesus Ohrist, Titus ii. launched at her in public speeches, in parliamentary debates, in books, pamphlets, and newspapers, as well as in schools and Universities.

great marks of her Divine Institution. Her enjoy. 1 And yet, in spite of all the hostile influences and agencies brought against her, she is now, after a lapse of more than eighteen hundred years, more full of life and vigor than at any previous epoch of her long and chequered history.

The most numerous Synod of Bishops, that ever assembled from all quarters of the world, sits to-day at the Vatican around the Chief Bishop and Successor of St. Peter; and this fact demonstrates the Divine life of the Church of Christ. From this great and universal Synod, the greatest good is sure to flow for Religion and Society, and hence the father of lies has not failed to have his agents here to misrepresent and belie it, and to publish against it throughout the world, the most foul and unblushing slanders. We need not, Dearly Beloved Brethren, put you on your guard against these wholesale falsehoods; from long experience, you know how to reject and despise them at first sight.

But in the midst of these great scandals, on account of which Christ denounced "woe to the world,' We are not without the greatest consolation. Besides, she has a multitude of Holy Bishops, Priests, and Religious in various Orders and Congregations. She has tens of thousands of fervent fathers and mothers of families, and countless numbers of young persons, who frequent the Sacrements, and who lead lives of virtue and innocency and self sacrifice, worthy of the Apostolic age. If many have fallen from the faith in Europe, their loss has been amply repaid by the spread of the same faith in what is termed the New World.

The mercy of God is above all his works. The number of the elect will be made up through the grace of God and their own co-operation. About the time of the great defection in Europe, a new world is discovered, or rather a long lost and forgotten portion of our globe is found; and a people that sat in darkness and in shadow of death, are again united to their brethren in Europe; and tens of thousands of them embrace the true faith, multitudes of the overpeopled nations of Europe pour in upon this new country, carrying with them the old faith of their fathers.

So far back as 1659, the Holy See sent a Bishop to Quebec, to govern a little flock of French Canadians who settled there, and also the numerous convents made amongst the Indians. On the establishment of the Government of the United States, another Bishop was sent to Baltimore. There were two Bishops then in those vast countries, at the begining of this century, assisted by a few Priests and Religious to administer to the spiritual wants of a few thousand Catholics scattered over these vast regions. Behold now, the beautiful and fertile vineyard of the Lord in these new countries, belieing the prediction that, the old Catholic faith and discipline are too antiquated for the enlightenment of a progressive age and country. The Catholics now there are counted by mil- through our ministry, upon this Pallium taken and His promise, that the gates of hell should lions. The Priests and Religious and Churches by thousands. Seven Archbishops and fifty-four Bishops govern the faithful in the United States; three Archbishops and twenty Bishops those of British North America.

the Holy Father erected Ontario into an Ecclestastical Province, of which Toronto has been flook, and that he may exhibit in his works, what God with earnestness and love. The product I London. That portion of the diocese of Ottawa that lies within the Province of Ontario, will belorg to the Ecclesiastical Province of Toronto. as soon as another See can be erected in that portion of the diocese of Ottawa, that lies in the be watchful, may be be circumspect, lest any of Canada.

By Apostolical Letters bearing the same date, the Bishop of Toronto was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan or Archbishop. In the Secret Consistory of March the 21st, the feast of St. Benedict, he was preconized, and obtained the Pallium; and on the 25th of March, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, after having offered up the Holy Sacrivested with that sacred emblem of the plenitude the history of this event may not be forgotten. We feel all the weight of the burthen and responsibility, alas! too great for Our weakness. Our weak things of this world, that His own power earth the guardian of His Son, and Spouse of Mary His Mother. We hope in the intercession of the first Bishop of Toronto, the martyr taken from over the body of blessed Peter. It of charity, Monseigneur Power; and We hope too in the prayers, Masses and good works of Pontifical office, and of the name and title of Our Saintly predecessor Monseigneur de Charsoul, and to avoid responsibility, has taken the lium on the festival of the Blessed Virgin, and to | tion.

discourse which lasted an hour in the name of that of Christ, and hence the true christian it is now the holy will of God that We should cession from the Apostles; and which the Apost sees in persecution and calumny, one of the bear the burthen, and We have no doubt of the tles received from Christ for the salvation of the good will of our dear Children in Christ to help children seem destined to suffer rather than to us to bear it. Our good priests will offer with and on earth, etc. Receive ye the Holy more fervor their prayers at the Holy Sacrifice Ghost; whose sins ye shall forgive, they are for-People will offer their communions and rosaries for us.

How beautiful, how strong, how singularly united is the grand Hierarchy of the Church! How like the vine tree and its branches, as expressed by our Lord Jesus Christ. The body of the tree is Christ, " I am the vine," the Pope is the successor of the first branch, " you are the branches," the Primates or Patriarchs, as they are called in the language of the Eastern Church succeed next. The Archbishops, Bishops, Priests pastores animarum vobis commissarum.' How and Clerics next, then the faithful Children of the Church, all drawing spiritual life from the sap of the tree, which is Christ. The Pope and the Prelates thus form one body—the Church of which Christ is the head and the life. Christ lumself depicts the faith of those who will not remain united to Him. "If any one remainetu not in me, he shall be cast torth as a branch, and damnari a Domine, sed remunerari pottus shall wither, and they shall gather him up. and cast him into the fire, and he burneth." John

We think that it will contribute to the instruction and piety of our dear Children in Christ, to say a few words on the Pallium, the emblem of the plenitude of Episcopal power. First, as to its material, it is made of wool, taken from lambs that were offered to God, and blessed in the church of St. Agnes, on her festive day. This wool is woven into a long band by the hands of boly Religious consecrated to God. Its form is represented in the old pictures of ancient Pontiffs, such as of St. Clement, the fourth successor of St. Peter. It is ornamented with crosses, two to hang on the breast, two on the back, and one on each shoulder. It is worn around the neck, to remind the Archbishop to carry on his shoulders back to the fold the wandering sheep. The Pallium is personal to the Prelate, and cannot be used by another Archbishop, and is to be buried with his body after his death. The Pal fium is placed on the vigil of the festival of SS. Peter and Paul, on the tomb of these Princes of the Apostles, where it remains all night that it might be, as it were, impregnated with that ditine power that the handkerchief which touched the body of St. Paul, or the shadow of St. Peter ceremony to the Holy Father to be blessed, after the blessing it is religiously kept till required for the next appointed Archbishop or Bishop having especial privileges. The words of the blessing I shall here transcribe, as they contain many sublime allusions, and carry with them great efficacy.

THE BLESSING .- LET US PRAY.

Oh God the eternal Shepherd of Souls, who brough Jesus Christ thy Son, has committed to Blessed Peter the Apostle and to his successors under the type of the "Good Shepherd," those souls whom thou hast designated by the name of sheep to be governed; and hast willed that the ensigns of the Pastoral care should be symbo lized by these sacred vestiments; send down. from the altar of the holy Princes of the Aposlles, the copious grace of Thy Benediction † and Sanctification + that it may fully confer the plenitude and excellency of the Pastoral office which the Pallium represents. Mercifully re And now we have the pleasure to inform you, ceive our most humble prayers, and grant, that, by Apostolic Letters, dated the 18th of through the merits and suffrages of the same March, 1870, the feast of the Archangel Gabriel. Apostles, that he, who, in thy benignity will wear t, may understand that he is the Pastor of Thy appointed the Metropolitan See. The Suffragan his titles signifies. May he be the imitator of Sees are for the present Kingston, Hamilton, and | that great and good Pastor, who placed on His shoulders and brought back to the flold the strayed sheep, for which he laid down his life .-By His example, may he be solicitous in the care of the flock committed to his charge. May he Ecclesiastical Province of Quebec or Lower his flock fall into the deceitful snares of devouring wolves. May be be earnest in his zeal for discipline, seeking that which was lost, bringing heaven will receive you in the tribuoal of conwhich was broken, preserving that which is sound and vigorous. Let him look to the cross placed on his shoulders, which Thy Son did not refuse to carry, preferring it to joy. Let the world be crucified to him, and him to the world. Let him bear the Evangelical yoke placed around his fice on the tombs of the Princes of the Apostles, neck, and may it be to him so light and sweet, that he may shew the way of Thy commandments to others by his example and practice,of the Pastoral dignity, by his Eminence Car- May this Pallium be to him the symbol of unity, dinal Antonelli, by commission from our Holy and the pledge of perfect communion with this Apostolic See. May it be to him the clasp of charity, the bond of divine inheritance, and the great God, and Tesus Christ the Prince of Pastors, he, with the flock committed to his care, may enjoy the garment of immortality and glory, through the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy

THE FORMULA OF INVESTITURE.

For the honor of the Almighty God and the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and of the Blessed Apostles SS. Peter and Paul; also for the honor of the Church of Toronto committed to your Pastoral charge, We invest you with the Pallium will be to you the symbol of the plenitude of the Archbishop. You will use it in your Cathedral Church on those festivals which are marked in the privileges conceded to you by the Holy See.

The new Archbishop is received to the Kiss of Peace, and then solemnly imparts his benedic-

The Archbishop is to wear the Pallium only on great Festivals, and when he consecrates Charbonnel should be in our place, for his labors functions, he imparts those divine powers in the and success in the diocese merited the honor; Sacrement of Holy Order, which he himself represent the power of the The life of the Church is the counterpart of and that We should be in his place. However, ceived, and descended to him in unbroken suc- abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that

world. 'All power is given unto me in heaven of the Mass, and the good Religious, and devout given them, etc. Do this in commemoration of me.' Thrice happy, indeed, those who belong to the true faith, and are united in the fold of Christ!

The Pallium is to remind the Archbishop of his care of the flock of Christ, and also of the rigorous account he must one day render to Jesus Christ, the Supreme Shepherd of the Priests and People committed to his chargefirst of the Priests his co operators in the Divine work: 'Nos pastores vestri sumus vos autem striking, impressive and significant are the words We address the Priests on the day of their ordination, from the Pontifical, ' Sit odor vitas vestra delectamentum Ecclesia Christi, ut predicatione et exemplo ædificetis domun, id est, familiam Dei; quatenus nec nos de vestra provectione, nec vos de tanti, officii susceptione mereamur.' We count on, as in the past, the steady and rersevering efforts of our Clergy in their own sanctification. Qur sibt malus cui bonus?' 'What will it profit any one to gain the whole world and loose his own soul?" We count in their increased exertions for the dignity of Divine worship, and on their giving every facility to the flock confided in their care, of approaching the Holy Sacraments; to be instant in season and out of season in announcing the Divice Word, and in correcting sinners, and mildly and strongly leading them in the paths of salvation. We trust that Our Clergy will not be behind others in piety, in learning in ecclesiastical discipline, and in all the virtues that make the character of a good Christian and a good

Sr. Peter, speaking of judgment, writes in his Epistle, For the time is that judgment should begin in the house of God. And if first at us, what shall be the end of those who believe not the Gospel of God? And if the just man shall scarcely be saved, where shall the wicked and the sinner appear?' St. Peter, 1st Ep. iv., 17, 18. In rendering an account of our people, we will be asked if we provided for all their spiritual wants, as far as we could. If this can be shown to the Divine Judge, then we shall be innocent possessed. On the festival it is brought in great of the loss of those who had every opportunity of instruction, of partaking the Sacraments, and of other helps of religion; but who neglected all the calls of mercy and grace, and who ran headlong on the broad road to their own destruction. We cannot conceal from ourselves that there are some of this class in our diocese. We take this opportunity again to exhort them to return to God, and to taste and to see how sweet He is. " His yoke is sweet, and His burthen light." On receiving the sacred Pallium on our shoulders, in quick and earnest thought we threw Ourselves on our knees before God for those erring brethren whom We know personally, and love dearly, and whose many good qualities we respect; and asked of God to touch their hearts with sincere repentance and love.' We said with courage to Our dear Saviour, They know not what they do.' They are rather careless in faith and in many good works; but, Oh, Lord, touch their hearts with your boly love, and they will 'run in the way of Thy Commandments.

We rejuce at the thought, that the immense majority of our good people frequent the Holy Sacraments instituted by Christ for their salvation; and We earnestly hope in the mercy of God that the small minority will also turn to son did not despair, even though he had distipated all his goods in rioting, but confidingly said, 'I will rise up and go to my Father.'-Happy son, that his father lived! And I will say to him, Father ! - that name which inspires confidence and love-'1 have sinned against heaven and You;' and the child found layor, and pardon, and grace. Be not ashamed to act as the Prodigal Son. God, our Father who is in back those that strayed away, oinding up that fession, heal all your wounds, will put on you the shining garment of reconciliation, and will nut on your finger the ring of perpetual fidelity to Him.

We must not forget either that God is just, though long suffering, and will at length visit the sinner in His anger. I have called, and you would not come; therefore you shall die in your sins.'
St Jno vii 34. We cannot refrain from quoting this word of threat, as our duty calls for it. Who in his inmost soul, would not be moved and even terrified at the thought of anyone and much more of a friend—being exposed to the darger of, at any mo-ment, falling into the depths of everlasting woe?— Who would not exhaust every means of preventing such an awful doom? We cannot visit, as soon as we would wish, our belowed children in Ohrist, to impart to them spiritual graces from the Holy Eer. Our duty now is to assist at the great Ecumenical Council of the Church. How often do we think of the words of the Lord, 'Many would wish to see the things that you see, and hear the things that you hear.' Continue to pray for this Council, that it may succeed to enlighten those that err, and bring back these that wander. Other sheep I have, said our Lord Jesus Christ, who are not of this told, these I must bring back, that there may be one fold and one Shepherd.'

We offer up as usual the holy sacrifice of the Mass; as is our pleasing duty, for all committed to our Pastoral care on every Sunday and great Festival, and on Saturdays for our good Priests and members of Religious Orders, that through the intercession of the Immaculate Mother of God, they may be strengthened in all good, for the great work of co-operating with Christ in the salvation of souls, in the sublime labors of Christian education and in admin-latering to the wants of the sick, the poor and the orphans—for whom Christ died. What a plessing duty; what a holy work; what a reward! They that instruct many to justice shall shine us stars for all eternity! Daniel, xii. 3. And again 'Ho who causes a sinner to be converted from the error of his way, shall save his soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sias, James v 20 If a cup of cold water given in the name of God, will not go unrewarded, what must be the reward to save a soul from eternal burnings? Let 'ne, therefore, beloved Priests and Religiou; Fathers and Mothers, labour-Christ ; expectantes beatam spem,' etc ; ' Looking for