## CATHOLIC NE WS

According to the latest publighed Liet, the subscriptione already received for the Church of St. Joachim, Rome, the Pope's jabilee oburch, amount to very close on 500,000 francs.
The annual retreat of the Children of Mary of tho Couvent of Notre Dame, Boston, began Tuesday ovening, May 2, and onded the Eaturday morning following. It was conducted by Ruv. George B. Kenny of Guelph, Ont.
MIr. Joseph Fleckenstein of Fari Lault, Minn., has a curious old German Oatholic Bible that he intende sending to the World's fair. it is large-it weighs fourteen pounds-and was putlished ahortly after the so called Reformution.

The Jesuits are to build a $\$ 250,000$ church in Milwaukee, which, when finished, will be the finest edifice of religious worship in Wisconsin. The new structure is to have five altars, uarble floors and is to be lighted by electricity. The highest tower will be 250 íet, and the church will be called the Gesu. The Jesuits have already two charches, both attached to Marquatte College, in Milwaukee.

At the Catholic eductional exhibit at the World's fair there will be displape from the deaf, dumb, blind, mute, negro and Indian schools, in ad dition to the regular parochial school exhibits. Nearly all the religions orders in this country will, through their schools, academies and colleges, be represented in his Catholic oxhibit, which promises to be one of the most interesting and successful features of the fair and whose success will reflect great glory on the Catholic American charch and bespeak its zeal in ecucation.
The usit which the German Em peror made to the Vatican is not apt to have any important consequences, for the reason that Leo XIII. refused to discuss political matters with his imperial visitor. It would, doubtless, have been extremely gratifying to William II. to carry amay from the Vatican an assurance that the influence of the Holy See would bs exerted in favor of his pet militaly measures, now anable to secure enactment at Bcrlin, but as long as Germany uphoids Italy in her present occupation of Rome, her Emperor can hardly look for any favors of a marked character from the Sovereign Pontiff.

Cardinal Sepiacci, whose death was announced the other das, was a great favorite with Ico XIII., to whom he owed most of the bonors that cams to him during his ecclesiastical career. The deceased cardinal belongad to the Angustinians, and his knowledge of canon and ecclesiastical law was very extensive. The Pope thought some of sending him over to preside as dologate at the last Baltimore council ; but dosistod from doing so through apprehension that the sending hither of an Italian prelate would te misjudged, an apprehension which the cordial recep tion tendered to Mensignor Satolli would seem to indicate was unfoundec.
One feature of tho Emperor's visit to Rome was noterorthy. At the dinner the Prassian legation he had on inis right hand Cardinal Lredochoraki, the prefect of the Propaganda, with whom be conecrsed during nearly the entire dinner, and to whom he made a valuable present boforo quitting Rome Yet Monsignor Ledochowaki is the prelate whom, when he held the archbishopric of Gnesen and Pason, the Emperor's grandfather, through Bismarck, doposed from his see in 1875 , for resisting the Kulturkampf, and afterwards imprisuned. The policy of Beslin tomard Rome has plainly cbanged during the past eighteen years.

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