

In order to carry out the instructions of the Holy Father, we ordain that in each church of this diocese, where a priest is residing, a solemn triduum, in honor of the blessed Virgin, shall be celebrated on the sixth, seventh and eighth of September of this year. The devotions to consist of the recitation of five decades of the Rosary, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, the O! Salutaris, and Litany of Loretto, with versicle and prayer to be sung, followed by the *Lantum Ergo* and Benediction. An indulgence of seven years and seven quarantens is granted by the Holy See for each time one is present at the devotions; those who attend on the three days, can gain a Plenary Indulgence, applicable to the souls in Purgatory, by confessing and receiving Holy Communion within the triduum, and praying according to the intention of the Holy Father.

Do you, dear brethren of the Clergy, exhort your people to devoutly celebrate this triduum in honor of the Queen of Heaven. Untold blessings will be brought down on the Parish in which priest and people will unite with pure heart, and trusting spirit, in adoring God and honoring the Immaculate Virgin. Dissensions will be healed, hardened hearts will be softened, the good will be strengthened, the wavering confirmed, sinners converted. A moment of grace for which, perhaps, you have been praying, is about to be given to your people, souls for which you will have to give an account may now be rescued, if only your zeal will second the

intentions of Holy Church. Whilst inculcating true and tender devotion to our Lady during these days, strive to make it lasting by spreading good books, and by inducing all to join some pious Sodality or Confraternity. Endeavour to get boys after making their first Communion to join some Sodality for the young. By prudent rules, and the watching care of the Pastor, these Sodalities for the young can be made to produce incalculable good. Our Holy Father has repeatedly exhorted all, old and young, to become members of some pious Confraternity. The Children of Mary, St. Vincent of Paul, and the Third Order of St. Francis, have been specially mentioned. For young boys a special Sodality could be formed, in which the leading feature would be monthly Communion. If we are to have virtuous men,—men of faith and prayer,—we must train up boys to a frequentation of the Sacraments. This can be accomplished more readily through means of a Sodality than in any other way.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

This Pastoral shall be read in every Church of the Diocese, on the first Sunday after its reception.

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