

Paul and Barnabas, Timothy and Titus, and as does the bishop elect of Alexandria to-day. A Pontiff, a successor of the apostles, imposes hands on him. The Holy Ghost descends invisibly on him, as on his predecessors on Pentecost, to abide with him. He goes forth with the plenitude of the priesthood of Jesus Christ to offer sacrifice, to teach His holy doctrine and to sanctify the souls who are to-day in a special manner intrusted to his care. We have reason to rejoice and be thankful.

You my brethren of the clergy and laity of this diocese have indeed welcomed your bishop with joy. Your hearts have gone out to him in the fullness of your love. You know him well. He was born in your midst. He has lived among you. You have been edified by his saintly virtues, his humility, his charity and his zeal for the glory of God's house. As a priest he ruled well, laboured in word and doctrine, and therefore had been deemed worthy of the double honor he has received to-day. "The Holy Ghost has placed him a bishop" in the see of Alexandria, the cradle of Catholicity in this province, "to rule the Church of God which He hath purchased with His blood." Therefore, brethren, bear in mind the admonition of St. Paul: "Obey your prelates and be ye subject to them, for they watch, as having to render an account of your souls, that they may do this with joy and not with grief." (Heb. xiii 19).

To you, my Lord Bishop, I sincerely offer my humble congratulations. You have received to-day the highest dignity it is given man to receive on earth, the fulness of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. You are to continue His work in this portion of His vineyard. You have the good will of your brother bishops. You have the affection of the priests and people of your diocese. You have the esteem of all who know you, and who to-day rejoice that you have been found worthy of double honour. May your rule in the church of God be long. May the fruit of your labours be multiplied an hundredfold. May your years be happy in the love and veneration of your priests and people. *Ad Multos Annos.*

