

# THE CROSS.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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## Weekly Calendar.

- July 23, Sunday VII. aft. Pent. S. Apollinaris, Bishop and Mart.  
24, Monday, S. Vincent of Paul: Conf.  
25, Tuesday, S. James Apostle.  
26, Wednesday, S. Anne, Mother of B. V. Mary.  
27, Thursday, S. Leo IX. Pope and Conf.  
28, Friday, SS. Victor, Nazarius and Celsius, Martyrs, and St. Innocent, Pope and Conf.  
29, Saturday, S. Felix II, Pope and Mart.

*Approbation, Indulgences, and Encouragements granted by the Holy See to the Institution for the Propagation of the Faith.*

At the same time it must be acknowledged; that what is most essential would still be wanting for this Institution, if it had not also the approbation and encouragements of the Holy See; but they have not been refused to it; it has been approved and highly favored by four Sovereign Pontiffs, Pius VII, Leo XII, Pius VIII, and Gregory XVI. On the 15th of March, 1823, Pius VII granted for ever to its members, in all the diocesses of France in which it was established with the consent of the ordinary, the following indulgences applicable to the souls in Purgatory. *First.* A plenary indulgence on the festivals of the Finding of the Holy Cross and St. Francis Xavier, and once a month on whatever day each associate might choose, on condition of his

reciting every day in that month the prayers required. To gain this indulgence it is required that the person, being truly penitent and having confessed and received the holy communion, should visit devoutly the church or oratory of this Institution, if there be one; but if not, his own parish church; and there address fervent prayers to God for the prosperity of the Church, according to the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff. The indulgence attached to the two festivals above mentioned may be gained at the choice of each associate, either on the day of the festival or on that of the octave, or finally, on the day which the ordinary of every diocess may have fixed for the celebration. *Secondly.* An indulgence of 100 days every time that one recites, having at least a contrite heart, the prescribed prayers, giving some alms in favour of the missions, or exercising any other work of piety and charity. Thus a plenary indulgence can be gained fourteen times every year, and a partial indulgence many times each day.

Leo XII, who paid particular attention to the Institution for the Propagation of the Faith, earnestly recommends this pious work to all Christians, and in his paternal charity embraces all its supporters. These are his words. Moreover, by a receipt of the 11th May, 1824, he has dispensed sick or infirm subscribers from the visit to the parish church prescribed by Pope Pius VII, for gaining the plenary indulgence.