

priest, to officiate in this temple under His Grace the Chancellor, Archbishop of Ottawa. And this thought gives the key to the essential feature, the real countenance, the very soul of this demonstration. Indeed, what is all this for? Surely not to honor Fr. Emery of Tewksbury, Mass., though you call him Very Reverend, because he has just been cre-a-ted D. D. for your sakes. No! we are here to pay due homage to the authority invested in the new Rector. And in this I am with you. Oh! the dignity, the greatness, the adorableness of authority! It was not my intention to give you an address this afternoon, but since you have provoked it by the expression of your loyalty, let me say to you a few words on authority.

Etymologically, authority (*auctoritas*) means authorship, paternity, the efficient cause. In its supreme reality, it is the absolute sovereignty of the world's maker, the sacrament of His infinite power, wisdom and goodness. In its exercise it is precisely the manifestation and communication of that infinite power, wisdom and goodness. Its object is to lead creatures powerfully, wisely and sweetly to their last end, God's blessed bosom.

Such is authority considered in itself, in its principle, in its source! What an august, holy, serene and beneficent thing it is! A most lovable and adorable entity!

Let us now briefly consider it as transferred from the Creator to the creature, or to speak more accurately, as communicated to creatures; for God never abdicates his authority any more than you give up your features or countenance by reflecting it in a mirror. Not satisfied with drawing His creatures to Himself, to sanctify and deify them, He deigns to employ them as co-operators with Him in the work of their sanctification, so that being, at first subjects of sanctity, they become at length its instruments and *authors*, and this gift, this communication of God's authority, of God's paternity is according to the Areopagite "the most divine of all divine gifts." I must make this point clear, at the risk of overtaxing your good nature. It is a fact, a matter of divine faith, that "there is no power, no authority but from God; and those that are, are ordained by God" (Rom XIII-1). It is not something which comes from beneath, but from on high. In this