

we should be content," (Timothy 6c. 8v.,) ought, by our disinterestedness in the ministry, to repel the foul and unfounded charge made by our enemies, of selfishness in the Catholic Clergy.

The wants of a person who has only himself to support and provide for, cannot be many. This is the case with the Clergy of the Catholic Church, whose state of life precludes them from entangling themselves in wordly concerns and connections, for the purpose of keeping their minds more free and independent of the world. Therefore, the Pastors of this Diocese are strictly enjoined to follow the regulation of the Roman Ritual, which forbids Clergymen, upon any account whatever, to exact any fee or remuneration for the administration of any of the Sacraments, to avoid incurring the guilt of simony. At the same time they are not forbidden after the Sacrament is administered to receive any gratuity that may be offered.

No priest in this Diocese shall be permitted to build a Church, or a presbytery for the residence of the pastor of the parish, until the place of such buildings be inspected and approved of by the Bishop, and until a legal tenure of the ground upon which such buildings are contemplated to be erected be made out in the name of the Bishop for the time being, and of his successors in office, and registered on the records of the District or Township where the land is situate.



In order to derive benefit from the celebration of the great mystery of the altar, the faithful should attend thereat with a reverence and devotion suitable to its dignity. They should seriously reflect on the institution of that holy sacrifice, and the important end for which it is offered, and should unite their intention with that of the Church and its Ministers, in presenting it before the Throne of the Eternal Father. With this view, the Clergy of our Diocese are required to recite, in a distinct and audible voice, the following prayers and acts, every Sunday and Holiday throughout the year, immediately before the parochial mass:—