

present, and as both of the saints-elect were members of religious Orders, he requested their respective Orders to send as large a delegation as possible, and accordingly there were between seven and eight hundred. Every one in the procession (the Pope excepted) carried a candle, and all, excepting the bishops, archbishops and cardinals, sang from the time they entered the church until they arrived at the High Altar, which is over the tomb of Saint Peter, and where mass is celebrated only on the most solemn occasion, or when the Pope officiates. The mass, apart from the canonization, was the same as on Thursday, but the decorations and illuminations were a great deal more numerous; every statue and picture of the different saints throughout the church, was beautifully and remarkably illuminated and embellished for the occasion; so you can imagine what a resplendent and most beautiful radiance, those lights and ornaments cast over that multitudinous assemblage, who stood almost motionless, gazing continually on the '*Baldacchino*,' the centre of attraction during the two great celebrations, occupied by the Pope and his venerable colleagues

This is the seventh time I have had the extreme pleasure of seeing His Holiness and receiving his blessing, and I must say that each time I felt his presence more keenly, as on this occasion in particular, I found it absolutely necessary to bite my lips in order to keep the tears back; and on all sides of me during the celebration, I noticed strong men and women weeping like little children. This seems to be very queer, and whether they were tears of joy or tears of sadness I know not, but I do know, the moment he raises his hand in the act of blessing, and looks towards you with that sweet fatherly smile, which brightens up his impressive features, you immediately feel a tremor vibrating through your whole being, and resulting involuntarily in an abundance of tears.

Every now and then a cheer would burst forth from several of the multitude, but the moment the Pope noticed it, he immediately raised his finger, and everything became tranquil again as if by magic. The present Pope requested that there should be no oral or noisy demonstration whatever, and it must have been a pleasure to the grand old man to see how his wishes were