"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."-" CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."-St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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JOHN-by the Grace of God and the appointment of the Holy See, BISHOP OF LONDON.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese Health and Benediction in the Lord. altar, and the altar to the august sacrifice that is offered upon it; DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

a Cathedral in this city of London, for the glory of God, the honour and ceremonial.

of the Church, and for the purposes of our holy religion. We have already begun the work, havingbuilt the foundation at a cost of six the conviction that it would be more prudent to wait until such time as the various missions of the diocese would be sufficiently supplied with priests and churches to meet their spiritual wants and to promote the sacred interests of religion in their midst. We thank God that such is the case at present. The building of a suitable Cathedral is a most serious undertaking and will task to the utmost limits your generosity and means, but it is an unavoidable necessity, and with the blessing and assistance of God and your united and hearty co-operation, the task, though extremely arduous and presenting formidable difficulties, is not however beyond the financial capacity of the diocese or land. In matrimony He blesses and sanctifies the nuptial union, and your power of accomplishing it. Faith can remove mountains, and erecting in this city a splendid Cathedral, which will be in some measure not unworthy of the Divine Majesty, and will be to future gen- that is gone, and the Requiem and the Libera ascend in plaintive actaking. We should look at it with the eyes of faith, and should enter is on it solely for the glory of God, the honour of our holy religion and the salvation of our souls. In the language of Holy Writ, "The Gods." 2 Par., Il, 5. We purpose building a house, not for man, but and the soul's earthly Paradise. for God ; not for the material wants of the perishable body, but for the spiritual wants and necessities of the imperishable soul.

The Catholic Church is pre-eminently the house of God and the gate of heaven. It is the house of God because Christ, our beloved Redeemer, dwells therein in the great Sacrament of the the children of men. When Moses, by the Divine command, undertook to construct the tabernacle for the purpose of divine worship, offered up for the living and dead, this is the conviction, we repeat, that in every age has induced Catholics to make the greatest sacrizealous for the work and so prodigal of their means for the carrying dwelleth. of it out to a successful issue, that Moses felt compelled to restrain their zeal and to forbid any further gifts. "Both men and women,"

it brings to the souls in Purgatory, we can only bow down in humblest adoration before God, and earnestly thank Him for His infinite goodness for having given His church this great and sublime sacrifice, and prehensible are His judgments and unsearchable His ways." Romans that prevailed in these extensive factories, where so many persons i, 33. Now the Catholic temple is the proper place for the oblation of this saving and tremendous sacrifice, and it is for this purpose that it

has reference to the Sanctuary, the Sanctuary has reference to the effectually for the glory of God. so that it is it, and it alone, that gives a meaning and a value to the You are doubtless aware that we have at length proposed building style and beauty and all the glory of Catholic ecclesiastical architecture

The Catholic Church is for us the house of God and the gate of heaven, because it is there, principally and usually, the great ordin-

our salvation. In the sermons preached therein He is the abiding road, edifying conversations are held, during which the priests deem it a teacher; in the sacraments administered therein He constantly exerises the office of our Redeemer. In bartism He receives children into disregard their injunctions, he is immediately dismissed from member-His holy communion, and incorporates them into His mystic body. In onfirmation He strengthens and equips them for the christian conflict.

In penance He pardons the repentant sinner and receives the prodigal while sacred canticles are sung to while away the hours of the holy son back again into his father's house. In the Eucharist He feeds the vigil. weary pilgrims of the world, the travellers through the desert of life,

with the bread of heaven, and gives them strength to reach the promised consecrates the human family as the foundation of christian society. your faith in God and your love for His holy Church will enable you In holy orders He ordains priests, blesses and sanctifies them and to remove the mountains of difficulties that may beset this work, and appoints them His ambassadors and the dispensers of His mysteries will urge you to accomplish wonders of labour and self-sacrifice in of grace. Into the church the poor dead body is brought by loving hands, and the holy sacrifice is offered up for the repose of the soul erations a noble and enduring monument of your faith and piety. cents before God, pleading for pity and pardon, and the last offices of For this is the light in which we should regard the proposed under- religious respect and of christian charity are performed for it ere it committed to the keeping of the grave.

vents that make epochs in our history, in our joys and in our sorrows, farmer and of the shopkeeper, these were the means that built our house which we desire to build is great, for our God is great above all the Catholic Church is for us the house of God, the gate of heaven churches in our cities, towns and villages, in the prairies of the

lod and the gate of heaven, that it is the home of the Blessed Sacra- as their open doors will invite the weary and heavy-burdened to seek ment, the place where the great saving ordinances of the ch ristian refreshment of soul within their precincts, as long as the cross shall ligion are administered, the holy place whence those fountains of the Saviour, the holy Sacraments, send abroad the waters of life for divine mercy and pardon between the Redeemer and the redeemed, Eucharist, in which He so strikingly manifests his desire to be with the spiritual regeneration and salvation of man, and that it con- so long shall they be enduring monuments of the faith, and hope and tains the altar on which the august sacrifice of the Mass is charity of the apostolic people who planted the mustard seed of the ffered up for the living and dead, this is the conviction, we repeat. Catholic faith in this country, and watered it with their sweat and to accomplish his holy undertaking. The Israelites responded to the fices in building and beautifying churches, and in showing their land. call made upon them with such alacrity and generosity, they were so love for the beauty of God's house and the place where His glory N

It was this belief that laid the foundations and raised the superstructures of the immortal old cathedrals of Europe, that have been well with due regard to the honour of our religion and of the diocese, be says the Scripture, "gave bracelets and earrings, rings and tablets and defined as "frozen music." It was it that inspired all the arts that vessels of gold. If any man had violet and purple, and scarlet twice have adorned those glorious and imperishable creations of Catholic of London will make the greatest sacrifices in order to push fordyed, and fine linen, and metal of silver and brass, they offered it faith and Catholic genius. Architecture unapproachable in beauty and ward the good work, but they are neither wealthy nor numerous, and to the Lord. And the skilful women also gave such things as they had perfection; stained glass windows that like the heavens announced the of themselves would be quite incapable to carry it out to complespan. And the princes offered onyx stones and precious stones. All, glory of God, and in all the varied colours of the rainbow, emblazoned tion. We know your work and the sacrifices you have made to build both men and women, with devout mid offered gifts that the work the images of Christ and his saints; sacred music that seemed but up churches and schools in the various missions of the diocese; but we might be done which the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses." the echo of the heavenly strains which rejoice the blest, that swept all are convinced that you can greatly help us without in the Exodus xxxv. Now the tabernacle of Moses was but the mere type and the cords of human feeling and emotion, now melting the soul into terfering with local calls or wants. A small sum given each year by shadow of the Catholic temple. It contained the tables of the law, the sorrow and compunction, now subduing it as if with the dread pres- every family in the diocese, would certainly not be oppressive, whilst, rod of Aaron and the loaves of Proposition. The Catholic temple con- ence of the divine majesty it invoked, and anon lifting it up on the in the aggregate, it would amount to a considerable sum, and would be tains in His Eucharistic presence God, the author of the law; it en- wings of hope and in transports of joy to heaven; painting that made of the greatest possible assistance to us. Besides, the Cathedral shrines Christ himself, who fills it with the majesty of His adorable the canvass breathe and live ; sculpture that took the rough stones of has claims on every Catholic within our jurisdiction. It is the mother presence. The tabernacle contained a vessel of the manna that was the quarry and chiseled them into life; engraving, embroidery, church of the diocese, the centre whence radiates ecclesiastical jurisin their passage through the desert; the Catholic temple contains gifts of human genius inspired by faith were employed by our who is appointed by the Holy Ghost to rule the church of God within sanctuary and the altar, to dignify Catholic worship and express manna in the desert, and they died; he that eateth this bread shall their profound adoration and their ardent love of their crucified to preach the word of God, and to exercise their sublime functions as Lord, offered up in a mystic manner in the august sacrifice of the new ambassadors of Christ and dispensers of His mysteries. But not only did our Catholic forefathers-the men of the ages of faith-offer their gifts and lavish their means in the construction and by the united efforts of the diocese. We do not know a single excepadornment of the house of God, but they gave their time and, as it tion to this rule. Even in wealthy New York, every mission in the are for the healing of the nations; it is the earthly house of our Lord were, expended their lives in the great and holy work. Old and young, diocese had to contribute for years a fixed annual sum towards gentle and simple, the monk and the layman, the prince and the the erection of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Hence, in asking our diocesans labourer, the baron and his retainer, the high-born dame and the peas- to contribute unitedly and generously towards the construction of our When Solomon had dedicated the great temple which he had built ant woman, all worked gratuitously for years in the construction of their Cathedral, we are asking nothing which the bishops of the christian Amiens, goes on to say :---"The inhabitants of Chartres have generously agreed to concur in the construction of their Cathedral, by transporting the building materi- dral is a necessity, it is the work of God; it is undertaken solely for The temple in the olden dispensation was a place of sacrifice. On als. Our Lord recompensed their humble zeal by miracles which the glory of the adorable Trinity, for the interest of our holy religion, diction, repaired without delay, to Chartres for the accomplishment of their vow.

"It was an astonishing spectacle to behold military officers the noble, the wealthy, the devotee of pleasure, assist in drawing and loading the wagons, and in a spirit of penance, assuming the garb exclaim in a transport of love and wonder with St. Paul, "O the depths of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God. How incom-more surprising, was the harmony, submission and religious silence were congregated, far more fitted to command than to obey.

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"Ecclesiastics set the example, by delivering pious exhortations is primarily intended and built. Everything in a Catholic Church calculated to encourage the associates to penance, and to labor more

These salutary instructions were diversified by the singing of hymns in honor of the Blessed Virgin and of the Saints. It was a veritable prodigy, said Haimon, to see gentlemen of rank and talent. accustomed to a soft and luxurious life, transporting stone, lime and every other requisite for the construction of the House of God. Sometimes a thousand persons, men and women, aid in drawing one already begun the work, havingbuilt the foundation at a cost of six thousand dollars. Although for several years past we keenly felt the need of a cathedral, still we postponed commencing its construction in out. Christ perpetually lives and works in the Catholic temple for feetly that not a murmur is audible. When a halt occurs on the duty to treat of the pardon of injuries. Should anyone be found to ship.

During the night lighted tapers are burned on the conveyances.

Such was the faith, such the motives that wrought those miracles in stone-the churches and cathedrals of the middle ages.

And indeed, dearly beloved brethren, have we not witnessed the operation of a like faith and kindred motives on this continent in modern times, and the marvels which they have wrought? In this country we had no royal convert like a Constantine, or a Clovis, to build our churches; no government reached out its arm to help in this great work. To the hard-worked sons of toil, the glory and the merit f raising temples to the God of their fathers have been reserved. The poor labouring men who dug our canals and built our railroads, and hewed down our forests, laid also the foundations of our dioceses and of our churches. The alms of the poor, the wages of the mechanic, Thus in all the relations of our spiritual life, in all the great the scanty earnings of the servant maids, the tardy gains of the west, amid the half-felled forests, and along the shores of our great Now it is the conviction that the Catholic temple is the house of lakes and rivers. And as long as these churches shall stand, as long gleam from their steeples, an emblem of the everlasting covenant of tears until it has grown up into a mighty tree overshadowing the whole

Now, dearly beloved brethren, we earnestly invite you to share in this great and meritorious work, by helping to build our projected Cathedral. Its construction is an urgent necessity, and could not. postponed any longer, else it would not be undertaken now. The people least in diction throughout its whole extent. It is the seat of the Bishop, prescribed limits; the church in which the holy oils are consecrated and in which priests are ordained, and whence they are commissioned Hence, in every country where there exists no legal connection between church and state, the diocesan Cathedral is invariably built failed us in any call we felt obliged to make upon you in the interests of religion, and we feel confident you will not fail us now. The Cathefor the honour of the diocese, and for the salvation of souls. Let not selfishness, narrow-mindedness, avidity, or any other unworthy motive, prevent any from helping in this diocesan work. These things have never yet raised a monument to God, or achieved anything great or "Since that date the faithful of our Diocese, and neighbouring noble in the world; they are only powerful for mischief and for retarding or preventing the success of a good cause. But rather let generosity, nobility of soul, the love of God and of our holy religion, be the motives that will animate you and guide your conduct in relation to this great undertaking. Let us, therefore, in God's holy name, go to work. Let us build this much-needed Cathedral for the honour of God and His Blessed Mother, and as a monument of our holy faith. We shall have a share in the merit of every act of religion performed in it. Every stone and brick built into its walls will be a prayer for us to God. Every holy Mass offered therein will plead with the irresistible voice of the precious blood, before the divine mercy seat, for pardon of our sins. neighboring provinces, after receiving the blessing of their bishop, and Jesus in, the Blessed Sacrament will abundantly bless and reward all who will have helped to raise this temple to His Eucharistic Presence, during the long years that He will condescend to abide therein. Every Sacrament administered within its walls will contain blessings for us. Every sigh that will escape from the contrite, broken heart bowed down before its altars, will pierce the clouds, and will be heard in our behalf by Him who despises not the humble and contrite heart. Every poor erring child of God, won back from his evil ways and reconciled to his Heavenly Father within this church, will be an irresistible plea for our eternal salvation, for he who helps "to convert a sinner from the error of his ways will save his own soul from death,

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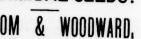
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showered from the heavens for the sustenance of the chosen people the arts of the gold and silversmith and of the lapidary-all the the true bread from heaven, the bread of life, of which they who par- Catholic ancestors to adorn the house of God, to embellish the take may not die. "Your fathers," said Christ to the Jews, "did eat live forever ; and the bread which I will give you is my flesh for the life of the world. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath law. everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day." St. John vi.

Now the Church is the treasure-house of this divine and life-giving bread—it is the paradise in which grows this tree of life whose leaves and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose delight is to be with the children of men.

When Solomon had dedicated the great temple which he had built to the honour of the true God, the Lord said to him, "I have sanc-tified this house which thou hast built to put my name there for ever, and my eyes and my heart shall be there always." 3 Kings, iv. But subject. Hugaes, the Bishop of Rouen, writing to Thierry, Bishop of Amiens, goes on to say: blessed name, but He Himself is always there, and his eyes and his of adorable and loving heart are there day and night to see the wants and miseries of His people, and to grant them merey, grace and pardon.

its altars was offered up the blood of animals to acknowledge God's supreme dominion over us, to propitiate his justice and to deprecate his "Our Diocesaus, having received the episcopal sanction and benewrath. On Calvary's hill, Jesus Christ offered himself, once for all, in a bloody manner, to satisfy the justice of God for our sins; to redeem mankind from the curse and the guilt of the Fall, and restore them their lost spiritual privileges. But the merits of the atonement of Calvary must be applied" to our individual souls; and so Jesus instituted the Sacrifice of the Mass—the sacrifice of His body and blood to continue and represent the sacrifice of the Cross; to give God infinite honour and glory, and to apply to our souls the saving merits of His sufferings and death. On every Catholic altar Jesus Christ offers Himself daily by the hands of his priests, in a mystic manner. In this sacrifice He offers to His eternal Father, in our behalf, His body and blood, soul and divinity, in an unbloody manner, and thus gives infinite honour and glory to God. In this sacrifice the blood of Jesus is offered up for the remission of our sins, it is offered up as a thanksgiving for mercies and graces received; it is offered up to plead at the divine mercy-seat for all the graces and blessings which we need ; it is offered up to apply to our souls the merits of that great atonement which blotted out the hand-writing of death that was against us, and purchased us with a great price.

figures and shadows of the good things to come; the holy Sacrifice | centuries.

of the Mass is a most blessed and merciful reality. When we conings it communicates to man; the peace, and light and refreshment transporting building materials and provisions.

parishes, have organized associations for the same purpose. Admis-sion is only accorded to those persons who have had recourse to the holy tribunal of Penance, renounced all animosity and revenge, and become reconciled with their enemies.

"That accomplished, they proceed to elect a chief, under whose direction they convey their loaded vehicles in silence and humility.

"The conditions requisite for obtaining admittance into these associations are particularly remarkable in powerfully contributing to entertain amicable relations at a period when every province and district evinced hostile views towards each other. When notified that a church was to be built, the zealous members flocked from all the went to work with incredible alacrity.

"However, these individuals who voluntarily engaged to labor in the construction of churches, had no knowledge of architecture; they evidently followed the guidance of the various architects who must The holy Mass is most certainly the most dread and august have been very numerous at the time when christians vied with one mystery in our holy religion The sacrifices of the old law were but | another in crecting sacred edifices, namely, in the twelvth and thirteenth

"Every association had a superintendent, who employed each memsider the infinite value of the victim offered, the unapproachable and ber according to his strength and ability. Some were hewers of stone essential holiness of Jesus Christ the high priest who offers it: the in- and sculptors of columns and statues, others cutters and fashioners finite honour and glory it gives to God, the untold and inestimable bless- of timber, makers of cement and trowel-carriers, were engaged in

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