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—Pope Pius X.

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I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1908.

THE POPE'S JUBILEE LETTER TO THE CLERGY.

As his own celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Pope Pius X. has issued a notable exhortation addressed to the clergy of the entire world.

The Holy Father says that the words of St. Paul to the Gentiles—"For they watch as being to render an account of your souls"—fall with special weight upon him.

At the commencement of his priesthood, says the Holy Father, the cleric was reminded that "the odor of his life should be a delight to the Church of Christ, so that he might raise up the house, that is, the children of God, by preaching and example."

His Holiness earnestly commends the following text to the attention of the clergy: "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man who, according to God, is created in justice and holiness of truth."

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His Holiness, therefore, in his communication to the clergy, insists, in the first place, on the sanctity of life. They received the priesthood not merely for themselves, but for others.

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Now, since "firm friendship consisted in having the same inclinations and disinclinations," they were bound to feel as felt Christ, who was "holy, innocent, undefiled" (Hebr. vii. 26).

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truth," conduct themselves as ministers of God—men striving solely for heavenly things and using all their power to induce others to do likewise.

The Holy Father then explains at considerable length the importance of daily meditation, which cannot be omitted without grave carelessness and harm to the soul; also of prayer, and the reading of pious books, especially the Sacred Scriptures.

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The first time he saw the Pope afterwards he did tell him of the newdealer, and it gave the Holy Father such pleasure that he sent the woman his photograph and autograph.

We can imagine the joy and pride of this poor woman when she received the pontifical present. She wrote at once to the parish priest to tell him of the unexpected honor.

The Duke of Norfolk, it is reported, intends at the Eucharistic Conference this month, to provoke a vote in favor of the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope in Italy.

It is time that the Daily Witness took sides with Christians against the infidels who robbed the Holy Father of his territory.

A Convert's Letter.

Replying to Reproachful Epistle From His Sister.

The following letter was written by a recent convert to Catholicity. The letter was occasioned by the receipt of one from the convert's sister, in which she remarked that her father was shocked on hearing that his son had subscribed to the tenets of the Catholic Church after over one year's study of Catholicism.

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our chaplain, by whom I was baptized and confirmed (although he is but a priest, by reason of there being no bishop assigned to this locality, he possesses jurisdiction for administering confirmation), and under whose instruction I was and am still being enlightened.

"I have received the true interpretation of the chapter of Daniel with which the Adventists endeavor to give us the 'blues,' that chapter in your Bible on which that evangelist, Mr. N., used to harp, regarding the mark of the beast, etc., which his sect construes into a dark prophecy of ecclesiastical tyranny in America at the hands of Rome.

"Nothing can disturb or counteract the indescribable feeling of relief, triumph and ecstasy one feels who, after having floundered for years among vague, conflicting, warring creeds of human origin, ephemeral existence and precarious destiny, finds himself guided at last into the unmistakable way of truth, which is made radiant by the spiritual manifestations of its heavenly guardians, and which has those four marks by which it may always be known, i.e., it is one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

"How comical would be the ludicrous calumnies of heretics were it not for the baneful fact that millions of souls are thereby deluded and deprived of their birthright, the value of which can never be known by those outside the Catholic Church.

"The book I am sending you, which is by the learned and eloquent Cardinal Gibbons, is not sent with the idea of converting you, but I think it may interest you by elucidating the much misunderstood printing 'pass usopur sur jo seido'

"How thoroughly the Bishops of Italy are awake to-day to the necessity of a sound Catholic press may be learned in a striking manner from a collective letter of the episcopate of Lombardy which has just been published. Their Lordships, after having dwelt at length on the terrible injury to faith and morals which is being done by the impious press of Italy, go on to say: "But it is not enough to be on our guard against the wicked and dangerous press, we must also do everything in our power to promote

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Totally different eagle are the dov... loving soul, faithf... who lives only for... offspring; the turk... loses his mate, other near him, by... of his days in w... which will be offe... Him who will off... When God will ha... earth in the deluge... announce peace; w... Go which quicken... the beginning, will... the waters of the... descend in the for... symbol of innocenc... But if the spirit... has his emblem in... rite of malice and... theirs in the birds... phantasmalike beings... alone, repulsive to... crooked beaks, sha... heart curdling cries... in old ruins and de... use of the ni... the sleeping... speaking picture of... ful spirits who inh... eternal horror, the... in dark times su... are not on guard a... And many other l... to us by the differ... birds, if we be ato... the providence of G... own duties. "Quest... the air," said Jo... "and they will tea... Who made them, "t... ther do they gather... your Heavenly Fath... them and with grea... do but know, perhap... the earth is covere... multitude and an et... trees, plants and he... leaves, flowers and... nothing is this, ma... geous decoration; i... but besides it i... table where the bi... first of all to take... suits each one best... Not only does ot... them, but He also c... not all with the se... nor the same color... with a different cov... regards form and co... And in that garne... what delicacy, what... in that color what... richness; from the c... whose feathers orna... kings and queens... little humming bird... wel of nature. The... juices of flowers, be... drops of dew that g... in the early morn... nearly transparent pl... all the brightness of... Not only does our F... all with this varie... but He gives each o... every year, and that... of winter. Besides... things for the feath... make them do we... selves. Who else, ind... them at the constr... cradle for their child... born, to build it wit... regularly, some bur... ground, in the fields... comstalks, others in... trees, or on its bran... a wall, in a hollow... build with mortar, a... others with boughs, a... the stork; others aga... grass, moss, hair, ... such as the smaller... teaches the greater p... carpet the inside of i... with soft fur, to take... their own bodies for... Who tells them that... fishing touch is put... an egg will be laid... will follow or a doz... twenty as is sometime... the tomat, that it w... gain number of days... hating to animate... life-giving heat? Wh... that at the smaller... will see their young... and appear for the fi... inspires their mother... to care for them and... fend them before an... Who gives the timid... age to attack even m... He who created her... to His people: "If th... thou walkest by the... the dam sitting upo... upon the eggs; thou s... her with her young;... her go, keeping the yo... hast caught, that it... with thee, and thou... long time."

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the success of the good press, so that it may not happen that while the enemy is wielding with such skill the weapon of the press, preparing ruin for the faith and morals, the same weapon of the press should remain useless in the hands of the good. Preaching, especially catechetical preaching, is excellent, indispensable, but to-day it is not enough. When a whole population, wrote Cardinal Pie, even the most devout and the most assiduous in attending the church and in listening to sermons, reads only bad papers, within thirty years it would be impious and rebellious. Humanly speaking, there is no preaching that can prevail against the strength of an evil press.

"It is imperative, therefore, that we should oppose press to press if we are to prevent the spread of impious teachings among the people. To-morrow it may be too late. Everything points to a great battle in the near future in the social and religious field, and the principal arms employed in it will be the arms of the press.

Let everything be done, therefore, to help the Catholic press. We earnestly recommend the clergy to give the utmost possible circulation to the Catholic press, daily or weekly. It will be of great assistance also to establish popular libraries and reading circles, always, however, using the precautions necessary to remove the danger of presenting to the people, and especially to youth, a literary food that is not quite sound."

PERSONAL

Rev. Father O'Connell, of Liverpool, passed through the city on his way to Niagara, New York and Boston. He said Mass this morning in St. Ann's Church.