

Jesus said to his disciples. Whom do you say that I am?

Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art Christ the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answering, said to him. Blessed art thou Simon Bar Jona. Because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven. AND I SAY TO THEE THAT THOU ART PETER; AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.

AND I SHALL GIVE TO THEE THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven. S. Matthew xvi. 16-19.



Was anything concealed from Peter, who was styled the Rock on which the Church was built, who received the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the power of loosing and binding in Heaven and on earth? — Tertullian Præscrip. xxii.

There is one God, and one Church, and one Chair founded by the voice of the Lord upon Peter. That any other Altar be erected, or a new Priesthood established, besides that one Altar, and one Priesthood, is impossible. Whosoever gathers elsewhere, scatters. Whatever is devised by human frenzy, in violation of the Divine Ordinance, is adulterous, impious, sacrilegious. — St. Cyprian Ep. 43 ad plobem.

All of them remaining silent, for the doctrine was beyond the reach of man, Peter the Prince of the Apostles and the supreme herald of the Church, not following his own inventions, nor persuaded by human reasoning, but enlightened by the Father, says to him. Thou art Christ, and not this alone, but the Son of the living God. — St. Cyril of Jerusalem. Cat. xi. 1.

Calendar.

- MAY 20—Sunday—Sunday within the Octave semid.
- 21—Monday—St Felix of Cantalicio C semid.
- 22—Tuesday—St Paschalis [Baylon C doub.
- 23—Wednesday—St Celestine, 1 P C doub from 7th April.
- 24—Thursday—Octave of the Ascension doub.
- 25—Friday—St Gregory VII P C doub.
- 26—Saturday—Vigil of Pentecost semid (Fast Day.)

THE GREAT COUNCIL OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS, IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, May 1, 1849.

For almost thirty years, the Bishops of the Catholic church have met every three years, in the city of Baltimore. The present Archbishop has convoked them for the fourth Sunday after Easter, being the first Sunday in May.

We are informed that matters of grave importance are to be discussed. We hope they will take into consideration the wants of the church in the United States, and legislate, not only according to the usages of the past, but in conformity with the spirit of the present times.

In order that the public may form some idea of the prelates who constitute the Council, we have, with much trouble, prepared a list of their names, places or birth, &c.

1. Right Rev. John B. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Boston, is a native of Massachusetts, of a fine commanding appearance, highly educated and talented. This prelate is exceedingly popular with his clergy, and is famed for his goodness and hospitality.

2. Right Rev. William Tyler, Bishop of Hartford, is a native of Connecticut, and a convert to the Catholic church. He is a very pious and holy Bishop, without guile.

3. Right Rev. John McCloskey, Bishop of Albany, was born in Brooklyn, and was, until within a short time, coadjutor Bishop of this diocese. He left behind him, in New York, many warm and devoted friends, both among Clergy and laity, who remember with pleasure his many amiable qualities. Bishop McCloskey is a forcible and pleasing speaker, gentlemanly and courteous in his manners, a sound theologian, well educated, zealous in the discharge of his onerous duties, and a firm and unwavering friend.

4. Right Rev John Timon, first Bishop of Buffalo, a native, we believe, of Pennsylvania. He is, to our mind, one of the most zealous, indefatigable, and self-sacrificing men in the Catholic church, without a particle of ambition, having heretofore refused the mitre more than once, and would now be, had he not refused to accept, Archbishop of St. Louis. He was for many years Superior of the Lazarists in this county. The amount of good done by him in Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana, is incalculable. It may be truly said, he is like the Bishop, in the early ages of the church, without wealth, or the desire of it. Buffalo is beginning to show the fruits of his zeal, piety, and self-denying sacrifices.

Right Rev John Hughes, Bishop of this diocese, is well known to all our readers.

Right Rev Francis Patrick Kenrick, Bishop of Philadelphia, is, in all respects, at the head of

the American church. As a theologian, he is immeasurably superior to any Bishop in the United States; his "Dogmatic and Moral Theology" are the text books in nearly all the ecclesiastical seminaries in this country, and in very many in Europe. His "Primacy" is the very best book written upon that subject, and is unanswerable. We perceive Dunnigan, the book publisher, advertises as nearly ready a new work of his on the "Four Gospels," which we are certain will add to his well-sustained reputation. Heretofore, Bishop Kenrick has been looked upon as being rather severe to his clergy; we are pleased to hear that lately he has become one of the most popular Bishops in the United States, and, instead of tyrannizing over his clergy, his acts towards them are of the most fatherly and benignant character. Long may he be spared to the American church, of which he is the brightest jewel.

Most Rev Samuel Eccleston, Archbishop of Baltimore, was born in Kent Co., on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His great grandfather, Sir John Eccleston, was an English nobleman, who emigrated to Maryland nearly a hundred years ago; his brother, Hon John B. Eccleston, is one of the most distinguished judges on the Maryland bench; he is an Episcopalian, and generally represents them in their general conventions. Archbishop Eccleston is a convert to the Catholic faith; he was for many years President of St Mary's College, Baltimore, he is a man of remarkably sound judgment, dignified, eloquent, learned, a good theologian, and a republican in every thought and feeling. Would that there were many such in the church.

5. Right Rev Dr O'Connor, Bishop of Pittsburgh. Of this prelate we know but little; he was educated in Rome and of course must be learned.

6. Right Rev Rich'd V. Whelan, Bishop of Richmond, is a native of Baltimore, of a respectable family; he is a most kind amiable and industrious prelate.

7. Right Rev Ignatius A. Reynolds Bishop of Charleston, born in Kentucky, is a man of great talent, possesses eloquence of a very high order, a learned man, a good theologian, a man of excellent heart, every way worthy to succeed the lamented Bishop England.

8. Right Rev Michael Portier, Bishop of Mobile, is a native of La Belle France; a gentleman of the old school; learned dignified, and highly qualified to govern.

9. Right Rev Anthony Blane, Bishop of New Orleans, born in France; a man of great firmness, good judgment, and well-qualified to govern his ancient and important see.

10. Right Rev John J. Chance, Bishop of Natchez, a native of the city of Baltimore, a fine specimen of the American gentleman; polite, accomplished, learned, eloquent; a zealous champion of his own church without a particle of intolerance towards others. This prelate reminds us much of Bishop McCloskey. He has the same gentle, moving eloquence—the same mild, amiable disposition, endearing him to all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. Like Bishop McCloskey, he is almost adored by his clergy.

11. Right Rev Andrew Byrne, Bishop of Little Rock, a native of Ireland: a laborious missionary, well known in this city for his goodness of heart, untiring industry, and great charity. He undergoes, we have no doubt, great privations in his frontier diocese.

12. Most Rev Peter Richard Kenrick, Archbishop of St. Louis, a native of Ireland. He is

a brother of the Bishop of Philadelphia. He does not possess either the talent or learning of his brother. He is the author of one or two works; the principal one, "Anglo Ordinations," is creditable to him. His other works do not come up to our expectations.

13. Right Rev Dr. Loras, Bishop of Dubuque, born in France; a gentleman and a scholar; zealous and indefatigable; sincere, and much beloved by all who know him.

14. Right Rev Martin J. Spalding, Coadjutor Bishop and Administrator of Louisville. Bishop Spalding's family were originally from Maryland and were most respectable. They emigrated many years ago to Kentucky, where the Bishop was born. Bishop Spalding was formerly one of the editors of the United States Catholic Magazine, and the author of many able reviews which appeared in that work. His review of "D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation," published four or five years ago, stamps him as a man of great industry, sound judgment, powerful argument, and of varied and extensive acquirements. His style is clear and concise. We look upon him as second only to Bishop Kenrick in the American hierarchy. He is always ready and able to defend his venerable church, whether it be in the pulpit, or by his pen. Bishop Spalding is an honor to his church and a worthy son of old Kentucky, the mother of so many great men.

15. Right Rev John B. Parcell, Bishop of Cincinnati born in Ireland; he came to this country young, went to Emmetsburg and was we believe, in the same class with Bishop Hughes. He is a man of very superior abilities, highly educated, a splendid classical scholar and fine linguist; in polemics his controversy with Campbell takes a high rank.

16. Right Rev. Richard P. Miles, Bishop of Nashville, born in Maryland; was a Dominican; he is a most laborious zealous hard-working prelate, riding on horse-back over his immense diocese, often camping out at night far from any human habitation, undergoing hardships and privations that many modern missionaries would sink under. Bishop Miles is universally respected and beloved in Nashville.

17. Right Rev James Vandevolde, Bishop of Chicago, born in Belgium; has been in this country a great many years; was educated at Georgetown College, and has been at the head of the Society of Jesus in Missouri. Bishop V. is an untiring, indefatigable missionary, worthy to be as he has been, the companion of the good Father De Smet, who succeeds him in Missouri. We expect great things from Bishop Vandevolde, and we are sure that we will not be disappointed. His diocese is one of the most important in the United States, and is rapidly filling up. The fruits of his labors will be seen in a few years, and with his "talent was not hidden in a napkin."

18. Right Rev J. M. Henni, Bishop of Milwaukee, born in Germany; a gentle, polite, learned and accomplished prelate, well fitted to govern his almost border diocese.

19. Right Rev Peter Paul Le Fèvre, coadjutor and administrator of Detroit, born in Belgium; he has governed his diocese with mildness, kindness, and firmness; the fruits are to be seen in the great increase of clergy and laity. We hope this good man may be spared many years.

20. Right Rev Amedeus Rapp, Bishop of Cleveland, a native of France. Of this prelate we know but little.

21. Right Rev D. St. Palais, Bishop of Vincennes, a native of France, a most accomplished and polished gentleman.

22. Right Rev J. M. Odin, Bishop of Galveston, is a native of France; he is a tried and faithful missionary Bishop.

23. Right Rev Benedict Joseph Flaget, a native of France, Bishop of Louisville. This venerable prelate, the patriarch of the American Catholic Church, the Cotemporary of Archbishop Carroll, of Bishops Bruce and DuBois, must be nearly eighty years old. We well remember to have heard a venerable priest speak of his consecration in 1810 by Archbishop Carroll, and of the consecration sermon preached by the celebrated William Vincent Harold, (now of Dublin, Ireland) who was one of the most eloquent and classical preachers in the church. With what delight must Bishop Flaget look at the number of Bishops and priests of these United States compared (with the handful) of clergy and their scattered flocks at the time of his consecration, now almost forty years ago. May he reap the reward of a long well spent life. — N. Y. Herald

HOLY WEEK IN EDINBURGH.

The sacred services of Holy Week have been again given to the Faithful of Edinburgh with that completeness which has for some years characterized the functions of the Church, under the fostering care of the Right Rev Bishop Cathrines and his Coadjutor Bishop Gillis.

The Retreat, conducted by the Clergy of St Mary's, was unusually well attended, and the multitudes who have on this occasion crowded the confessionals and flocked to the altar rails, have far exceeded the numbers that have sought the means of grace on any previous Easter.

As in 1848, there was the Blessing and Distribution of the Palms, with Procession, &c. the solemn conveyance of our hidden Lord to the Altar of Repose in the cloister chapel; the constant Watch of Worshippers maintained before the sacred spot during the ensuing twenty-four hours; the Washing of the Feet by the Bishop on Maundy Thursday; the imposing and affecting rites of Good Friday, viz, the Mass of the Presanctified, and the service of Tenebrae; on Holy Saturday the Blessing of the New Fire and of the Paschal Candle; and the Pontifical High Mass of Easter Sunday.

The Holy Guild of St Joseph assisted on these several occasions, and as their long array swept through St Mary's Church, there could only be one feeling of regret—that ceremonial so solemnly and fittingly exhibited, and that such numbers of the laity brought into harmonious co-operation with the Clergy for the more splendid celebration of God's service, had not an ampler space and a nobler architectural accompaniment to do justice to the effect produced.

The ecclesiastical services of Edinburgh and the robed and-bannered processions of the Holy Guild really deserve nothing short of Cathedral vistas and the airy heights of Gothic groining to contain them. But of this anon.

One interesting and highly-instructive feature in our Guild processions on this, as last year, was the appearance of three of the honorary members of the Guild, habited in full-dress of the Sodality, and permitted, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, along with the Warden of the Guild, to support the Baldacchino, or canopy, over the Most Blessed Sacrament, while its streamers were borne by four of the gentlemen, members of the Brotherhood of St Vincent of Paul. The honorary members on the present occasion were: the Honourable the Master of Lovat, Mr Mounth, of Carstairs, and Mr Gerard, of Rochdale. This holy levelling of rank and station, without lowering either; this mingling of classes, without confusion of grade, or detriment to social