

THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF TORONTO.

SERMON by the BISHOP of HAMILTON. THE SANCTITY OF THE CHURCH.

On Tuesday evening, September 28th, the Right Rev. Dr. Crillon, Bishop of Hamilton, preached in St. Michael's Cathedral, on "The Sanctity of the Church."

Be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. God is all holy and perfect. His perfections are uncreated and without limit or measure. He is the spring and source of all grace or perfection in any creature.

But God, who desires the end, abundantly supplies the means to attain it. He desires the salvation and sanctification of all men, and therefore supplies the means whereby all can acquire grace and perfection.

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Thus, beloved brethren, we find the Church richly endowed by her Heavenly Founder to meet all the wants of man. But it is at the hour of death that she exercises her greatest solicitude.

But perhaps this youthful soldier may feel fatigued in serving the Lord; his vivid imagination may picture other services in which he might find more pleasure and glory.

There is no hope for this fallen, ungrateful one? Can he hope for another Baptism to restore him to his lost inheritance? No, that favor can never again be conferred.

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How great, beloved brethren, is God's mercy in thus supplying an efficacious remedy for the guilty millions who daily offend Him by transgressing His law!

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In the Church, beloved brethren, there is a grace for every state; Matrimony is raised to the dignity of a Sacrament, by which the young couple receive the graces necessary for their state.

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But there is one doctrine which above all others clothes the Church with sanctity; it is the real presence of Christ in the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar.

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CATHOLIC PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF TORONTO. CLOSING SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

Sermon by His Grace the Archbishop.

On Sunday morning the 3rd inst., the closing session of the Council of the Catholic Province of Toronto was held at St. Michael's Metropolitan Cathedral.

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the qualities; he cannot create them or give talents and virtues where they do not exist, but parents can do a great deal with their children to prepare them, as young Samuel was educated from his infancy, and brought to the temple to offer sacrifices to God.

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