

We have beheld the sacrificial love which made homes for the orphan, refuges for the poor, hospitals for the sick. Learned and holy priests are ever given to us ; gentle and devoted nuns walk by our side ; and wherever we turn our eyes in our beloved land, they can find rest and refreshment on the Shining Cross of a Church Spire. We have watched the high aims, the high hopes, the high hearts which have crowned the City of Montreal with this Magnificent Cathedral, and when we look up to its noble dome, we feel a thrill of pride, for we, too, Irish Catholics, can claim it as our own.

In the elevation of Your Grace to the Episcopal See, there is a feeling of exultation among the younger generation. They delight in your virtues, your piety, your talents and your learning—for has not your boyhood been passed among them ? Many have lingered with you in the same College Halls, learned the same lessons from the same honoured teachers, and knelt daily with you at the same Altar. To-day, a reflex of the honour that has come to you, falls upon them ; and while reverencing you as the Chief Pastor, they rejoice as brothers do over a brother's high attainments.

With these, Your Grace, and with all the Faithful of your Diocese, the Irish Catholics unite in praying God that you may be long spared to guide and direct them.

Your years of study in Rome are a guarantee of your wisdom. You have imbibed the broad spirit of Holy Church at the Church's unfailing source.

We pledge our fidelity to your teachings, our loyalty to your person.

With " Credo " on our lips, docility in our minds, and valour in our hearts, we will tread the path in which you will lead us.

May the Peace of Christ, the sweet Peace which Leo XIII would breathe over the world, gathering all into one Fold, with one Faith, one hope, one heart—be ours in this blessed land.

Ours, too, forever be unswerving devotion to Christ's Vicar on Earth, our Sovereign Pontiff. In this, Your Grace, our honoured and beloved Archbishop, you will find the assurance of the fidelity, the loyalty and affection of the Irish Roman Catholics of Montreal.

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