

altar of the heart of the great Author and Preserver of life to grant you fulness of days to direct the faithful in the way of salvation, and to guard the spiritual interests of the Catholic and Christian Church in this Province and its ecclesiastical dependencies.

In conclusion, we wish your lordship every blessing which heaven can bestow in time and for eternity.

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### THE ASSUMPTION.

On this joyous occasion the Church celebrates the most sublime of the feasts of the Mother of God—the consummation of her glories—her triumphant assumption into heaven! After a long life of the most exalted virtues—the most severe trials—the most unswerving constancy, and twelve years after the ascension of her Son, it pleased God to call her from this vale of tears to receive the reward of her fidelity and love. The Holy Fathers, speaking on this subject are enraptured. They represent the Son of God, accompanied by myriads of glorious spirits, coming to receive his Mother, and bear her off in the arms of filial and grateful love to the throne of glory, which he had prepared for her in his Father's kingdom.

Who can describe the joy—the avidity with which Jesus hastens to reward the affection of his loving Mother! Of her, who, for nine months had borne him enshrined in the tabernacle of her virgin womb—who had brought him forth in a stable at Bethlehem—presented him to the adoration of the humble Shepherds and the wise men,—and in the overflow of her maternal heart, smiled with tears of reverential joy on the adorable treasure with which she had been entrusted!—who had watched over his infancy—carressed his childhood—cherished his youth;—who had fled with him to Egypt—sought him in the Temple—accompanied him to the wedding feast, where, at her request, he performed his first miracle, even though his hour had not yet come;—who followed him to calvary—stood, in company with the virgin disciple, at the foot of the Cross, and experienced, in the intensity of her grief, all the pangs which agonized the heart of her dying Son!—who had ever participated in his feelings—rejoiced in his

joys—grieved in his sorrows—gloried in his triumphs!—Yes, it is she, his beloved mother, Mary, whom he hastens to receive, and whose ardent love and transcendent merit he is about to reward, by exalting her to a dignity higher than was ever yet attained by any created being!

Hear him, then, address her in the language of the Spouse:—"Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one! . . . and come for the winter is now past." Cant. ii. 10. Come, for thy winter of tribulation hath ended, and "thou shalt be crowned!" Cant. iv. 8. Come enter upon the spring of eternal, unfading beauty!

"Who is this that cometh up from the desert, flowing with delights, leaning on her beloved!" Cant. viii. 5. Who is this that cometh radiant with glory, borne on the clouds of majesty, leaning on the bosom of Heaven's King?

She is the "Daughter of Sion,"—"The glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel, the honour of the people." Jud. xv. 10. She is the Queen of Angels and of men—the pride of earth—the glory of Heaven! The Beloved of the Most Holy Trinity—the Daughter of the Eternal Father—the Mother of the adorable Son—the Spouse of the Holy Ghost! "Lift up your gates," therefore, "O ye Princes, be ye lifted up O ye eternal gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in," (Ps. xxiii. 7) bearing the Queen his Mother in triumph to her majestic throne!

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