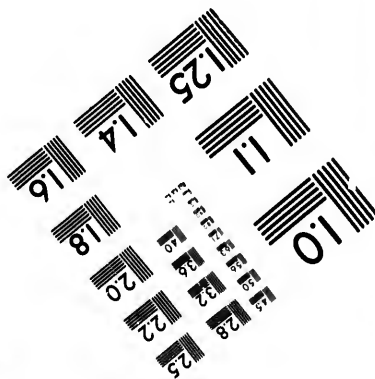
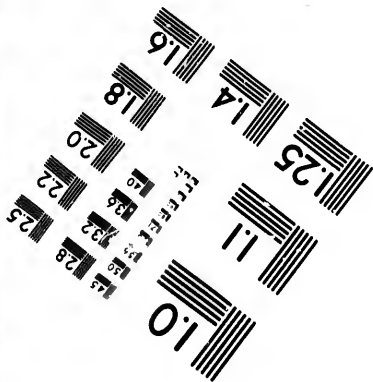
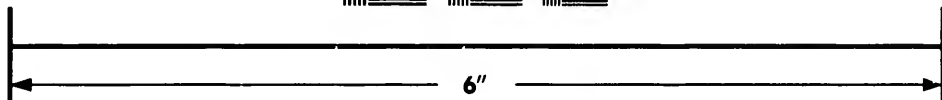
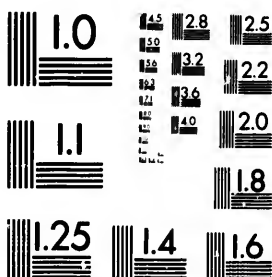


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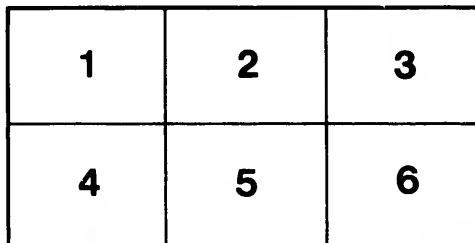
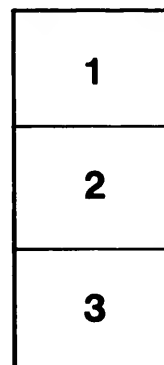
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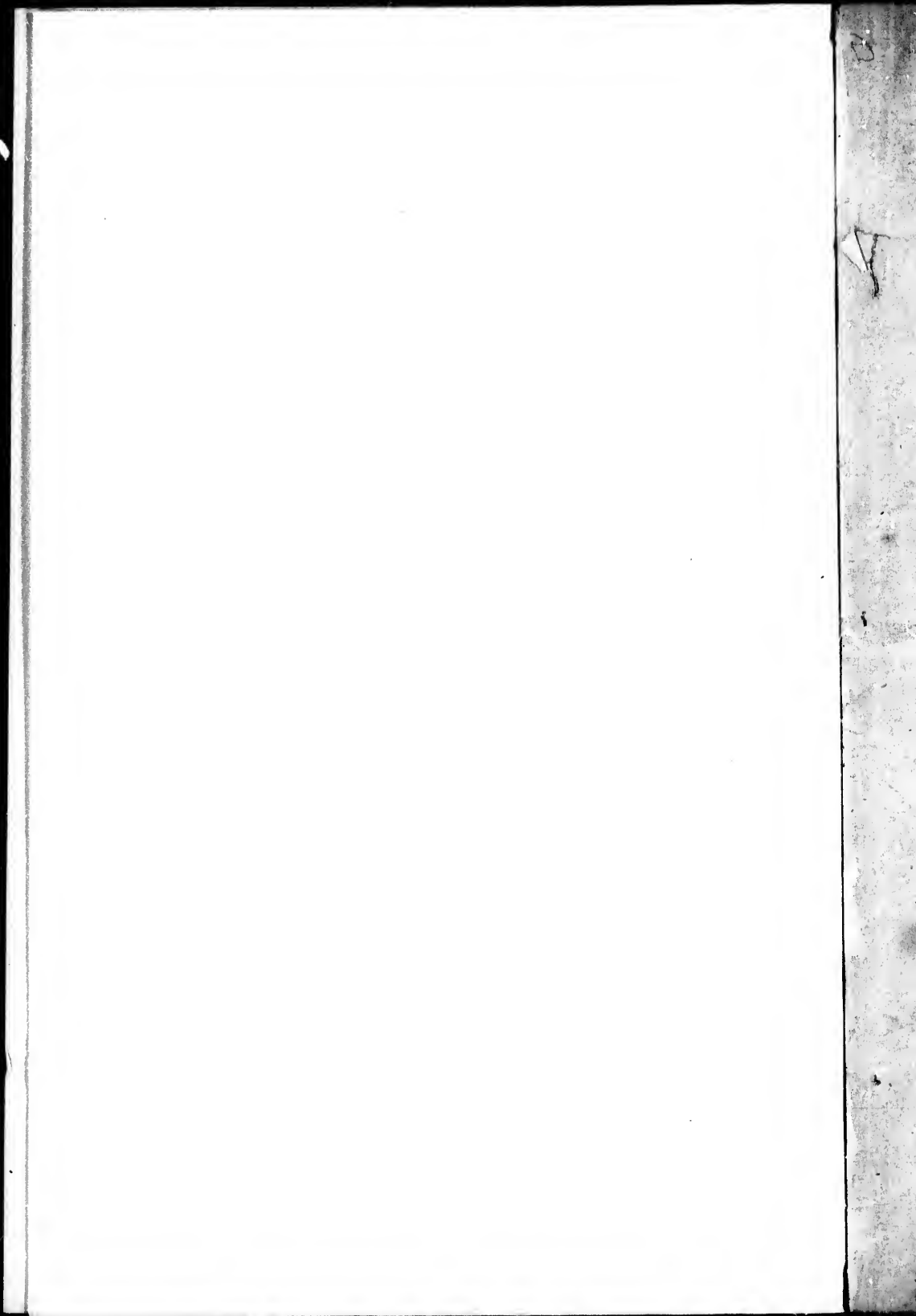
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TO ALL THE FAITHFUL OF OUR VICARATE AS WELL  
THE CLERGY AS THE LAITY GREETING

*Dearly beloved Brethren and Children in Jesus Christ*

The mercies of a beneficent God, awakend by your  
servent prayers during the absence of many months,  
have at length restored Us to the bosom of an af-

fectionate people, with health renewed and energies revived, to labor with increased fervor for your salvation in that Vineyard over which, however unworthy, We have been placed by the inscrutable dispensations of an all-wise Providence. Let us, therefore, implore that those holy aspirations be continued, that Our motives may be purified and all Our actions directed by the Holy Spirit.

But beloved Brethren and Children in Christ, think not that Our absence was occasioned by a desire for personal gratification or private advantage ; Our sole object in withdrawing for a time from Our Pastoral charge, was an anxious and earnest wish to promote your eternal happiness, and the extension of that Holy Religion which was cradled in the crib of Bethlehem and confirmed with the blood of Our Sacred Redeemer on the Cross.

The time of that absence may be properly divided into two periods,—the one of Our sojourn in London to seek from the Government of England for the Catholic People of Newfoundland, the poor boon of a scrap of ground, whereon to erect a Temple to the Living God suitable to the extent and character of the Congregation—a comfortable dwelling for the Ministers of God, a house where the virtuous votaries of Religion may be able to lead your female little ones in the ways of grace and happiness, and finally where We may be able to lay out a convenient and sufficient depository for your mortal remains and those of your posterity, to await that call which We trust will awaken you to a happy, a glorious Resurrection.—The

other period comprehending a space of five months, passed in the citadel of the Christian world, on the occasion of Our repairing to the Sacred See, to pay Our homage at the feet of the Sovereign Pontiff, Christ's Vicegerent on earth. *[and to kiss his eternal throne and take O.C.]*

It is not Our intention here to say by what artifices of the enemy your wishes and Our hopes from the British Government have been frustrated. We shall merely observe that Our expectations from the Justice of our present Gracious Sovereign are sanguine. Our object on the present occasion is not to call up unpleasant recollections, but to proclaim to Our beloved people glad tidings—the happy tidings that, through the tender solicitude of the Holy Father for your eternal welfare, “*the days of salvation are at hand.*” *[What horrid blasphemy is this O.]*

It is to Us a source of the greatest happiness that Our humble exertions in the promotion of the Christian Mission in Newfoundland, have met the approval of the Sovereign Pontiff, and that the designs of the enemies of Religion, the malevolence of the wicked, have only had the effect of drawing out into stronger relief all the benevolent and kindly dispositions of the Holy Father.

His Holiness, in proportion as the Prelate and the Priesthood of Newfoundland were heaped with opprobrium—in proportion as their character was assailed and their feelings tortured and their motives maligne and their conduct calumniated, poured the balm of sympathy on their wounded spirit, and by an accumulation of favors, as great as they were unlooked for, and unexpected because undeserved, *[that is true at all events O.C.]*



brought consolation to Our soul. His benevolence was portrayed in many acts of personal kindness and affability.—His zeal in the cause of Religion.—His anxiety for your advantage has been developed in gifts and offerings and privileges and graces to the Catholic people of this country unexampled.

But among the many favors granted to Our beloved people, the greatest, the most magnificent is that which it is Our object at present to proclaim— It is the greatest of all favors where, by virtue of the powers delegated to his Holiness, by Our benign Redeemer, and which have descended to Him on the stream of time, through an unbroken line of Pontiffs from St. Peter,—he opens the portals of eternal bliss to the people of Newfoundland, by granting them all the graces and advantages of an enlarged Indulgence in form of a JUBILEE.

His Holiness has been graciously pleased to grant us, on Our memorial, the privilege of establishing a Jubilee, or enlarged Indulgence, throughout this Vicariate in a manner the most extensive, and the most efficacious for your salvation, and in virtue of this great privilege, I hereby declare the same to be regulated in manner following :—

The Jubilee shall commence at St. John's on the great and solemn festival of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and shall continue to be celebrated for all the Faithful under Our spiritual jurisdiction at St. John's, until the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus, in the year of Our Redemption, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight.

On the feast of the Ascension last mentioned, it shall be opened at Petty Harbor, and continue there to be celebrated for all the Faithful of Our Vicariate, until the feast of All Saints in the same year.

On the feast of All Saints last mentioned, it shall open at Portugal Cove, and continue to be celebrated in that Harbor until the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus, in the same year.

And on the feast of the Nativity last mentioned, it shall be opened at Torbay, and continue in celebration there until the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine.

To obtain the Indulgence of the Jubilee in any of the above places in this District, all the Faithful are required to observe the conditions following.

1st. All who are arrived at the proper age shall, through the portals of penance approach the Holy Sacrament of Eucharist in purity and humility, in that Church where the Jubilee is there being celebrated. And Children under age may gain its advantages by approaching the Sacrament of Penance with due sorrow and compunction for their sins.

2nd. To give alms to the Poor for the love of God, the Rich liberally, as God has been bountiful to them, and even the Poor shall bestow a little of that which God giveth them.

3rd. All between the ages of Sixteen and Sixty, except where a bad state of health shall forbid, and

except also persons in actual employ as domestic Servants, shall visit once, each of the following Churches of this District,—Saint John's, Petty Harbor, Torbay, or Portugal Cove, and all those excepted above, viz., persons in a delicate state of health, and domestic servants, shall thrice visit the Church most convenient to their residence, but in the case of persons confined from sickness, the visits shall be commuted by their confessors for some other pious exercise.

In Conception Bay We ordain, that the Jubilee commence at Harbor Grace and in Brigus, on the Holy Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-eight, and that it continue thence until the festival of the Nativity next following, during which period the conditions marked First and Second for St. John's shall be observed, but in place of the condition No. 3, the following shall be observed:

All the Faithful in Conception Bay shall after complying with the two first conditions, visit any two churches within the Districts of that Bay, making two visits to each church, but where two churches shall not be within four miles of each other, with a passable road, then four visits to one church will suffice,

In the District of Bay of Bulls the Jubilee shall be opened in Bay Bulls, Witless Bay, and Toads Cove on the same conditions and on the same days as at St. John's, Petty Harbor, and Portugal Cove, terminating on Christmas Day, in the year of Our

Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-eight.

In all the other Districts, v. z., *King's Cove, Tilting Harbor, Bay de Verds, Ferryland, Saint Mary's, Placentia, and Burin*, it appears to Us necessary that the respective Clergymen should be at liberty to make the Rules consistent with the circumstances of their widely-scattered congregations, and therefore the Rev. NICHOLAS DEVEREUX at *King's Cove*, the Rev. MARTIN BERGIN at *Tilting Harbor*, the Rev. BERNARD DUFFY at *Bay de Verds*, the Rev. JAMES DUFFY at *St. Mary's*, the Rev. PALAGIUS NOWLAN at *Placentia*, and the Rev. MICHAEL BERNY at *Burin*, are hereby empowered to appoint the places and the periods for opening and holding the same within their respective Districts, so that the final day thereof shall not be beyond Easter Sunday, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine, subject always to any further order or direction from Us.

But in all cases and in all Districts, the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist shall be necessary, as in the 1st condition for this District, and it shall be further indispensable that Christ be visited in his Temples in all places where it shall be practicable, and in all other cases in any District in the Island, the express permission of the confessor shall be requisite to commute the visits for some other pious exercise, and the devout practice of alms-giving.

“That charity which covers a multitude of sins” (St. Peter IV. 8.) shall be universally enjoined as necessary to prepare the way for the Indulgence, that

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the faithful may resemble the pious Centurion, whose character bore the signature of Heaven, whose "prayers and alms have ascended for a memorial in the sight of God" Acts x. 4, Christ Jesus himself enforces this obligation by a positive precept, "I command thee," he says, "to open thy hand to thy needy and poor brother, Dan. xv. 2. and again "be charitable," says the Holy Ghost, "according to thy power, for thou knowest not what evil may come upon the earth, and when thouallest thou shalt find a stay, it shall preserve thee from all afflictions, and fight for thee against thine enemies."

And for the better accomplishment of the great object of the establishment of the Jubilee, and in order that in every place where the congregation is numerous the Clergy may have efficient assistance in the performance of their duty. We hereby give full jurisdiction to all the Clergymen of this District, and of Conception Bay, and Bay Bulls, as well as to all the Clergymen hereinbefore especially mentioned, or who may hereafter acquire jurisdiction in any District of this Island under Us, to administer the Holy Sacraments of penance and Eucharist, to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and with full faculties in all the reserved cases, for the purpose of promoting the Jubilee in the several Districts of the Island, but it must be with the sanction of the Clergyman in the immediate charge of each respective District.

In the visits and other devotional exercises to be used in seeking to obtain in their plenitude the graces of the Jubilee, we enjoin that fervent prayers be

offered up to Almighty God, through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the intercession of Our Sacred Mother the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, for the following purposes, that is to say—

For the exaltation of Our Holy Mother the Church.

For the enlightening of all who are wandering in error.

For peace and concord among Christian Princes and Christian People.

For the extension of the Dominion of Christ among the people of Newfoundland.

For Our Holy Father the Pope, that sanctifying himself he may sanctify his people.

And, finally, for Us, your unworthy Prelate, that overlooking Our imperfections, Our Ministry may be enlightened by the spirit of truth in all things.

Beloved children and brethren in Jesus Christ,—  
 “Behold now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation”—2. cor. ch. 6, v. 2. Our Holy Mother the Church in the plenitude of her power and her mercy has herein provided wherewith to secure the acquisition of our eternal inheritance the Kingdom of God's Glory. Oh! let us then lose no time in securing that greatest of all goods, the eternal happiness of our souls.

On ordinary occasions the church confers her sa-

vors on all her children who approach the sacraments with the proper dispositions of contrition and humility, with a generosity proportioned to the sincerity of zeal exhibited by the Penitent, but on the occasion of Jubilee, she spreads forth all her attractions to captivate the wandering sheep—she throws open all her treasures to allure the children of the world—she calls, in tones of touching sweetness, to win us from our sins—she exercises all her soft allurements to awaken in our souls the love of Him whose Sacred Heart is burning with a love of us.

Our Holy Mother the Church here reminds the Just that it is only by a perseverance in the pathways of religion, and by partaking of the refreshing fountains of the sacraments, that they can hope to attain to that crown of immortality to which they aspire—To the avaricious she exhibits treasures, surpassing all the riches of the Nations of the earth—To the sensual she displays pleasures beyond the power of human imagination to conceive—To the Libertine she exposes the deformity of his degrading passions, and points to a love more pure than earthly hopes could promise. In fine to the Saint, to the Sinner she whispers in soothing accents “behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation”—2 Cor. vi. 2.

Children of Christ Jesus, the flood gates of the waters of life are now thrown open, Oh let us drink deeply of their holy springs that gush for those who thirst unto life everlasting—Oh come all at this all-saving time—Let the just come in order that their holiness may be confirmed by the plenitude of graces now so lavishly proffered ; but it is the sinner

who is most pressingly invited—It is the sinner to whom every blandishment is addressed, to attract him from the fatal mists of error—“As I live saith the Lord God, I desire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his ways and live. Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways : and why will you die O house of Israel” Ezek. xxxiii. 2.

It was for the sinner only Jesus condescended to clothe the Godhead with the flesh of man—“*I am not come to bring the just but sinners to penance*” L. v. 32. It was for the sinner only that Jesus trembled in the crib at Bethlehem—“I am not come to bring the just but sinners to penance”—It was for the sinner only that Jesus sunk beneath the pressure of the cross—“I am not come to bring the just but sinners to penance”—It was for the sinner only that the mangled flesh of Jesus was torn with scourges, was pierced with nails, that his sacred heart was wounded with a spear, that his parched lips were saturated with vinegar and gall, that his sacred blood flowed in streams upon the ground, that his temples were tortured with a diadem of thorns, “I am not come to bring the just but sinners to penance”

It was the sinner he pleaded for in the agonies of his crucifixion, “*Father forgive them for they know not what they do*”—Luke xxiii. 34—It was the sinner he recommended to his blessed Mother, with his fading breath, “*Woman behold thy son*”—John xix. 26—It was the sinner he cheered as his spirit was passing, “*This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise*”—Luke xxiii. 42—It was, in fine, for the sinner he bowed down his head in death, “I am not come



to call the just but sinners to penance." Behold, here are glad tidings! sinners turn, be converted to the Lord! "the Lord deafeth patiently for your sake, not willing that any should perish, but that all should return to penance—"2. Pet. iii. 9. Remember "now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation" The church pities your errors and throws forth all her lights to direct you, and beware now of the threat held forth in the scriptures, "yet a little while the light is among you. Walk while you have the light, that the darkness overtake you not: and he that walketh in darkness, knoweth not whither he goeth—" St. John xii. 35. Christian sinners, beware lest the light abandon you for ever, and you fall under the judgments of God, "thinkest thou this O man," says St. Paul, "that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? or despisest thou the riches of his goodness, and patience, and long suffering: not knowing that the benignity of God leadeth thee to penance; but according to thy hardness and impenitent heart, thou treasurest up to thyself wrath, against the day of wrath,"—Rom. ii. 3. 4. 5.

Turn therefore to the Lord and take his yoke upon you, then to use the beautiful expression of the Prophet, "then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall speedily arise, and thy justice shall go before thy face, and the glory of the Lord shall gather thee up—Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall hear: thou shalt cry, and he shall say—here I am: and the Lord will give thee rest continually, and fill thy soul with brightness,"—Isa. lviii. 8. 9. 11.

"Grace to you and peace from God the Father,

and from Our Lord Jesus Christ who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present wicked world, to whom is glory for ever and ever, *Amen.*"—Gal. c. 1. 3. 4. 5.

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