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A NEW ENCYCLICAL.

AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT ISSUED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIII.

Restoration of Christianity in Civil and Domestic Society and the Reunion of Christendom.

Archbishop Martinelli, the Apostolic Delegate has received the Latin text of an important encyclical issued by Pope Leo XIII. It is one of the longest that the present Pontiff has transmitted—filling twenty-four pages of a Latin pamphlet.

The following translation of the most important parts and a synopsis of the whole are authorized by the Papal Delegation.

The document is dated Rome, May 9, and is addressed to the patriarchs, primates, archbishops and bishops and other ordinaries having peace and communion with the Apostolic See. It will be known in the pontifical archives as "Divinum Illud Munus" (that divine office), or ex cathedra explanation of the divine office of the Roman Catholic Church, and it is the final reply to the claims of the Anglican and Eastern divisions regarding the Apostolic succession.

It begins: "That divine office which for the sake of the human race Jesus Christ received from the Father and in a most holy manner fulfilled, as for its ultimate scope had in view that men should participate in the everlasting glory of our Blessed Lord, so in this world in its proximate end it intends that they should receive and nourish the seed of divine grace which finally shall bear its fruit in heavenly life."

"Wherefore the Redeemer does not cease in His supreme goodness to invite into the bosom of His Church all men of whatever nation or language, saying: 'Go unto Me all; I am the light; I am the Good Shepherd.' However, in the providential decrees of His wisdom He did not desire to perfect and to fulfill in every direction His work on earth by Himself alone. But that which He Himself had received from the Father He gave over to the Holy Ghost to be perfected; and most joyful to our memory are those words which Christ shortly before He left the earth, spoke in the assemblage of His disciples, saying: 'It is well for you that I should go, for if I went not the paraclete should not come unto you; but if I go I will send him to you.'"

"Saying these things He gave the reason of His withdrawal and of His return to the Father as being especially the utility which would derive from His followers from the advent of the Holy Ghost, who, indeed, He at the same time showed to be sent equally from Himself and therefore to proceed from Himself as well as from the Father, and that it would be He who, as intercessor and mediator and teacher, would perfect the work already done by Himself in his mortal life."

"To the multiplex power of this spirit, which in the creation of the world, ornamented the heavens and filled the circle of the earth, was reserved most providentially the perfection of the work of its redemption. Now, we have always endeavored to imitate the example of Christ our Saviour, who is the chief pastor and bishop of our souls, religiously adhering to that work which He intrusted to the Apostles, and especially to Peter, whose dignity, even in an unworthy heir, is not lacking."

"Led by this counsel, whatever we have attempted in the course, already long, of our supreme pontificate, and whatever we still intend to attempt, we wish to be directed especially to two things:

"First, to the restoration of Christian life in civil and domestic society, in princes and in people, because from no source except from Christ can true love come to all."

"Second, to bringing about the reconciliation of those who are separated from the Catholic Church in faith or in obedience, since this certainly is the wish of that same Christ, that they should all be indeed in one fold and under one Shepherd."

"Now, however, we see coming the day of our human end. And we are by all means moved to commend to the Holy Ghost, who is the vivifying love, whatever work of our apostolate we have thus far accomplished for its maturity and fecundity. In order that our plans may be better and more richly successful, we have determined to speak to you in the coming solemnities of holy pentecost concerning the presence and wonderful

power of that same Spirit; how greatly that, both in the whole Church and in the souls of individuals, He exercises His influence by a wonderful abundance of divine gifts.

"Therefore it is that we most desire that faith should be awakened and should flourish in souls concerning the mystery of the most august Trinity, and especially that piety should be increased and become more fervent towards the Divine Spirit, to whom all should refer whatever they have received of truth and justice; for, as Basil preached the dispensation, in regard to man which were made by the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ according to the goodness of God, who will deny that they have been fulfilled by the grace of the Holy Ghost?"

The encyclical continues in the same strain, discussing the procession of the Holy Ghost from the Father and Son, and is simply a dogmatic amplification of the foregoing. It quotes liberally from the Scriptures and the doctors of the Church, and especially Saints Basil, Augustine, Thomas, Aquinas, Cyril of Jerusalem, Gregory the Great and Leo, showing how necessary is the assistance of the Holy Ghost in managing the affairs of the Church.

It concludes as follows:

"We, therefore, de re and order that the whole Christian world, this year and all future years forever, shall celebrate a novena before Pentecost in all the cathedral churches, or, if the bishops think it well, in all the other churches and chapels. To all those who make the novena and pray according to our intentions, we grant an indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines, to be gained in each day of those days, and also a plenary indulgence, which may be gained on any one of those same days or on the feast itself, provided that they shall receive the sacraments of penance and communion and piously pray according to our intentions."

"We desire also that those should enjoy these benefits who are detained from reasonable cause from attending these public prayers or who live in those places where, in the prudence of the bishops, the public prayers cannot be said in the church, provided, however, that the prayers and works of the novena be privately performed and all other conditions fulfilled."

Catholic Summer School of America.

The Catholic Summer School of America has its religious opening at Cliff Haven, N. Y., on Sunday, July 11, and closing on Sunday, Aug. 29. The following list indicates the dates already assigned for the lectures during the session of 1897:—

First week beginning Monday, July 12, lectures by the Rev. Hugh T. Henry, Dr. C. M. O'Leary, and the Rev. Mortimer E. Twomey.

Second week beginning July 19, lectures by the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, A. M., and the Rev. Charles Warren Currier.

Third week beginning July 26, lectures by the Rev. P. A. Halpin, S. J., Mr. Michael J. Dwyer and the Rev. James H. Mitchell.

Fourth week beginning August 2, lectures by Rev. Francis W. Howard, the Rev. Thomas P. McLaughlin, S. T. L., and Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell.

Fifth week beginning August 9, lectures by the Rev. Edward A. Pace, D. D., the Very Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D., and Brother Potamian, D. Sc.

Sixth week beginning August 16, lectures by the Rev. Edmund T. Shanahan, D. D., and Henry Austin Adams, A. M.

Seventh week beginning August 23, lectures by the Rev. James A. Doonan, S. J., Thomas O'Hagan, Ph. D., and John Francis Waters, Ph. D.

Arrangements have been made for conference work on many important subjects; and for instruction in the French and Spanish languages, by Marc F. Valette, LL. D. Lessons, in German and Italian will be given by Barbara Clara Renz, Ph. D. The discussion of practical methods of advancing the teaching of Christian Doctrine in Sunday schools will begin on Monday, August 2, under the direction of the Rev. Denis J. McMahon, D. D.

Among the distinguished ecclesiastics expected to preach at the Sunday services are the Most Rev. M. A. Corrigan, D. D., Archbishop of New York; and the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, D. D., Bishop of Rochester.

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CHRIST'S CRIMES.

A Copy of Pilate's Sentence Against Christ Discovered by a French Scientist While Excavating.

One of the most curious documents in existence—namely, the sentence which was passed upon Jesus by Pontius Pilate—has just been brought to light by the Marquis de Trogo-Cavaux. The history of this document is interesting. It is reproduced from a brass plate which was discovered in the villa d'Aquila, in Naples, in 1720. The French commissioners of arts were making excavations in Naples that year, and they found this plate in an antique vase of white marble. When they left Naples the plate was removed to the sacristy of Chartreux monastery, near by, where it was enclosed in a box of ebony. There it has remained ever since, as the monks requested that it be left with them. Owing to their many loyal services their request was granted.

Here follows a translation of the words on the plate:

"Sentence rendered by Pontius Pilate, Governor Regent of Lower Galilee, to the effect that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer the punishment of the cross."

In the year 17 of the Empire of Tiberius, avar, and the twenty-fifth day of the month of March, in the holy city of Jerusalem, Annas and Caiaphas being priests and sacrificers of the people of God, Pontius Pilate, Governor of Lower Galilee, seated on the presidential seat of the Praetorium, condemned Jesus of Nazareth to die on a cross between two thieves in consequence of the following weighty and notorious testimony on the part of the people:

"First—Jesus is a seducer."

"Second—He is seditious."

"Third—He is an enemy of the law."

"Fourth—He falsely calls himself the son of God."

"Fifth—He falsely calls himself King of Israel."

"Sixth—He entered into the temple, followed by a multitude bearing palms in their hands."

"Pontius Pilate orders the first centurion Quirther Cornelius to lead him to the place of punishment."

"Warns all persons, who are poor or rich, not to prevent the death of Jesus."

"The Witnesses who have signed the sentence against Jesus are:

"First—Daniel Tobani, a Pharisee."

"Second—Joannes Zorobabel."

"Third—Taphel Tobani."

"Fourth—Capet, a public man."

"Jesus will leave the city of Jerusalem by the Strutenean gate."

The words of this sentence fill the entire plate, except a small portion on one side, and there appear these words: "A similar plate has been sent to each tribe."

Evidently, then, there were at one time several copies of this sentence in existence, but what has become of them no one knows.

A Favorable Report.

Rev. Father J. P. Kiernan recently received the following letter, which is self-explanatory:

Department of Public Instruction, Rev. James P. Kiernan, Rochester, N. Y.:

Dear Sir: I advise you that our inspector of training classes, Mr. W. D. Graves, called at Nazareth Academy for the purpose of inspecting the work done in the academy, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1,031 of the laws of 1895, under which the course of study in said academy was approved in order that the graduates therefrom might be admitted to the training class for teachers.

I take pleasure in informing you that his report of the work done is commendatory in every respect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES R. SKINNER,
State Superintendent.

Thomas McCormick's Will.

The will of Thomas McCormick, who died in this city on May 30th, aged 61 years, was admitted to probate Monday afternoon. The real estate is valued at \$40,000, and the personal property at \$35,000.

By the terms of the will \$2,000 is given to St. Mary's hospital, \$500 to St. Mary's Boys' Orphan asylum; Lawrence Dexter, an employee, \$25; and Samuel Heyer, Edward Nutt, Henry Burns, George Dinehart and Albert Stellar, also employees, \$20 each.

The remainder of the estate is given to decedent's cousins, Margaret Smythe, Elizabeth Dailey, Maria Gannon and Thomas McCormick, of this city. Edward S. Curry is named as sole executor without bonds.

AN APPEAL FROM IRELAND.

Audience Asked to Help Build a New Church.

We have received the following explanatory letter and will forward any subscription that may be sent to this office:

ST. MARY'S, KINNEAD, WESTMEATH, IRELAND, May 28, 1897.

DEAR EDITOR:—

May I trespass on your kindness to publish in your influential JOURNAL the enclosed letter from my revered and patriotic bishop, the most Rev. Dr. Nulty. His Lordship's letter explains my purpose in making this request. There are, I am sure, amongst the readers of your CATHOLIC JOURNAL many exiles from the diocese of Meath, who will be touched by the words of the great prelate of Meath, and will send me and my poor people some subscriptions toward the fund for the building of our new church. It is not out of pride but from dire necessity that we are undertaking this very arduous work. I shall remember in the Holy sacrifices all benefactors of this charity.

Thanking you in anticipation and asking you to send me a copy of your paper, I am, dear Mr. Editor,

Yours very faithfully,

W. P. KEARNEY, P. P.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE, MULLINGAR, ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1897.

MY DEAR FATHER KEARNEY:—

I most heartily approve of the efforts you are making to provide a suitable church for your poor people in Kinnead. The old Chapel in which the people worshipped God for so many generations is now entirely beyond repairing, and is far and away the most dilapidated in this diocese. A new church is an absolute necessity; but I greatly fear that your people are not equal to the burden, unless aided by a generous and charitable public. You have no wealthy parishioners who can give you large subscriptions, and, besides, the population of your parish is enormously reduced.

Within my own memory, full half your people have been driven into exile by evicting landlords. Many of these families crossed the Atlantic to find peaceful homes in the United States and Canada. If only your appeal could reach their ears, I feel sure that amid the blessings of freedom and liberty which they enjoy, they will not forget their native parish of Kinnead.

I am sending you a prize for your forthcoming Bazaar, and shall give you a subscription later on.

Blessing the good work and praying for your success,

I am, My Dear Father Kearney,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

THOMAS NULTY,

Bishop of Meath.

AMUSEMENT.

COOK'S.

The Cummings Stock Co. will present at the Cook Opera House next week, one of the funniest comedies ever put on the stage, "My Auld Dad"—which is described as created for laughing purposes only. This will be followed the latter half of the week by that celebrated play "Camille" in which Miss Jessie Bonestell who has proved herself a great Rochester favorite will appear in the famous role Camille. Mr. Ralph E. Cummings will play "Armand," a part in which he has won much distinction. This Company has now fully won its way into the hearts of the Rochester theatre goers by their remarkably clever performances. It is the best Company that this city has ever seen, and their business is consequently enormous.

Married in Auburn.

Dr. Lambert C. Shubart of this city and Miss Mary Orlheimer, organist of St. Alphonsus church, Auburn, were married in that church Tuesday. A solemn high mass was celebrated, the Rev. H. Regenbogen acting as celebrant, the Rev. Father Shubart of Rochester as deacon, and the Rev. Father Miller as sub-deacon. After a short bridal tour Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Shubart will take up their residence in this city.

Dr. Curran's New Job.

Ex-Mayor Richard Curran has been appointed by Secretary of State Palmer to prepare abstracts of patents and maps of lands in the Onondaga salt springs. The supplemental supply bill passed by the Legislature contained an appropriation of \$2,500 for the work.

Ripans Tablets.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities—Current Calendar.

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Last Tuesday evening the company, under command of Lieut. O'Brien, passed a pleasant hour at target practice. The new target that was furnished by Comrades Kelly and O'Brien is very good except in one respect. The boys have too much chance to say the aim was for ring No. 2, if they come closer to No. 2 than No. 1, but we hope they will see room for an improvement before sending for patent rights.

After the target practice the company fell in for the usual drill, but the lieutenant was in a very happy mood, and instead of the usual routine they were given some fancy and all the quick movements. It was too bad the captain was so much engaged with the new men that he could not enjoy the fun. When the boys least expected what was coming they would get some such order as "All fours left about," which created no end of merriment for the more attentive. All the members left the room in a very happy frame of mind, and several of them were heard to say they had not enjoyed such a pleasant evening this year.

Two new names were proposed and placed on the bulletin, and Bro. John Menahan was mustered in and given his first instructions. The captain says he is one of the smartest recruits he ever saw, and that in a month he will be in good shape for the ranks.

We do not know at present what has become of our second lieutenant, whether he is lost, stolen, or has strayed away, as he has not been seen since Memorial day. We think, however, he is working nights.

Private Pardon has the latest story the boys have heard yet. It is from Memorial day, and a good one. We must all hear it, John.

Boys, better hurry up and attend promptly on drill evenings or the new members will have your uniforms.

Council 28 had a very interesting meeting Wednesday evening. There were a number of faces present that some of the members scarcely recognized as members of Council 28, so seldom do they attend. We hope to see them often in the future. All members should take a lively interest in the council, and show that interest by attending the meetings regularly. Come all, and see what we are doing.

Knights of Columbus.

Rochester council will confer the third degree on Wednesday, June 15, and at the same time celebrate the first anniversary of its institution as a council of the order. The degree will be conferred at Royal Arcanum hall at 8 o'clock, p. m. The following distinguished members of the order will be present and participate in the ceremony: Fair State Deputy John J. Delany; State Deputy Richard B. Farley; Hon. Edmund O'Connor of Binghamton; Hon. John W. Hogan of Syracuse; Hon. John T. Norton of Troy; Hon. C. N. Bulger of Oswego, and P. J. Cary of Buffalo. Large delegations from Binghamton, Syracuse, Buffalo, Troy and Oswego are expected to attend.

Society Calendars.

C. M. E. A.

Monday—58, 87, 93, 121.

Tuesday—12.

C. R. E. A.

Monday—48.

Wednesday—74.

Thursday—75.

D. C. F. E.

Monday—1.

Tuesday—6.

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A. C. E.

Tuesday—4.

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C. W. E. L.

Tuesday—50.

Wednesday—52.

Rev. Father Hickey delivered his famous stereopticon lecture entitled "A Trip Through Ireland" at Hayward hall Thursday evening. The affair was under the auspices of Division 7.

During June, July and August Division 7 will meet only on the first Tuesday of the month.

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TRINITY CHURCH.

St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Large Choir of Men.

At St. Bernard's church, Trinity day morning, Bishop McGovern, assisted by Rev. Father O'Brien, celebrated the Eucharist on a large altar. The following received the sacrament: Alexander Barbers, New Orleans; George T. Burns, Rochester; Thomas Connors, Rochester; Leopold G. Schneider, Rochester; Henry G. Smith, Syracuse; John F. McKenney, New York; Aloysius Meyering, Louisville; Edmund A. Rawlinson, Rochester; Joseph Strunk, Alto; Edmund J. Wirth, Rochester.

The following received deaconship: The Rev. M. J. G. Wall, the Rev. W. F. Ryan, the Rev. John Farrell, the Rev. Fred Scholz, the Rev. L. E. Lapham, the Rev. J. E. Kennedy.

George Heiler and Alexander Rivioux were ordained to the sub-deaconship.

On Saturday at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass was celebrated by Bishop McGovern, assisted by Rev. Father O'Brien, and Heiler will receive sub-deaconship; M. Rivioux will receive deaconship; Messrs. Lapham, Farrell, Scholz, Kennedy, Ryan, Kennedy will receive deaconship and sub-deaconship; and Messrs. Heiler and Rivioux will receive sub-deaconship. The Rev. Father Wall will deliver his first mass in the Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, at 10 o'clock, at St. E. J. Hanna D. D., will preside at that occasion.

CATHOLIC TEACHING.

To be held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Large Choir of Men.

There will be a lecture on the benefits of the Catholic Church in the diocese of Rochester, at the Cathedral on Wednesday evening, June 15, at 8 o'clock.

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