

THE IRISH MARTYRS

PAPAL DECREE ON BEATIFICATION.

The following is the text in English (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Times*, under date March 18) of the Papal Decree on the Beatification or Declaration of Martyrdom of the servants of God, Dermot O'Hurley, Archbishop of Cashel; Cornelius O'Devany, Order of St. Francis, Bishop of Down and Connor; Terence Albert O'Brien, Order of Preachers, Bishop of Emly; and their Companions:

In Ireland, the nursery of heroes, of the innumerable champions of Christ who fell in the unbridled and furious persecution waged against Catholics in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and whose names are written in the Book of Life, the greater number are unknown, but many are known by name and fame and still live in the memory of men. Among these are numbered fourteen Bishops of the Church, many priests of the secular clergy, and others belonging to the religious families or Orders—namely, the Premonstratensians, Cistercians, Friar Preachers, Franciscans, Augustinians, Carmelites, the Order of the Blessed Trinity, and the Society of Jesus, as well as laymen and men of noble rank, to whom are to be added six devout women. Since the proofs of their martyrdom forthcoming seemed to be of sufficient weight, an investigatory process on the reputation for martyrdom and the signs and miracles of the aforesaid servants of God was undertaken and brought to a successful issue in the ecclesiastical court of Dublin. This investigatory process was forwarded to the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome and was followed by many petitions from archbishops and bishops, especially in Ireland, and from others eminent in Church and State. When all was in readiness, on the presentation of Monsignor O'Riordan, Protonotary Apostolic, Rector of the Irish College, and Postulator of the Cause, who put forward the wishes of the whole Catholic nation of Ireland, the Most Eminent Lord Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, Bishop of Palestrina, and Ponente or Relator of the Cause, at an ordinary meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, held at the Vatican on the date given below, proposed a discussion of the Sacred Congregation of Rites on the following doubt: 'Is a commission for the introduction of the Cause to be instituted in the case and for the purpose of which there is question?' And the Most Eminent and Reverend Fathers of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, on the motion of his Eminence the Cardinal Ponente, and after obtaining the opinion of Mgr. Verde, Promoter of the Faith, having maturely examined, discussed, and weighed all circumstances, decided to reply: The commission is to be instituted in the Cause of 257 Servants of God, if it is pleasing to his Holiness—namely:

Archbishops.

Dermot O'Hurley, Archbishop of Cashel; Richard Creagh, Archbishop of Armagh; Edmund McGauran, Archbishop of Armagh; Malachy O'Queely, Archbishop of Tuam; all from the secular clergy.

Bishops.

Maurice O'Brien, Bishop of Emly; Redmond Gallagher, Bishop of Derry, with three companions; Edmund Dungan, Tertiary of the Order of St. Francis, Bishop of Down and Connor; Heber McMahon, Bishop of Clogher; Eugene MacEgan, Bishop-elect of Ross; all of the secular clergy. William Walsh, Cistercian, Bishop of Meath; Patrick O'Healy, Bishop of Elphin; Cornelius O'Devany, Bishop of Down and Connor; Boetius Egan, Bishop of Ross; all of the Order of St. Francis. Terence Albert O'Brien, Order of Preachers, Bishop of Emly.

Secular Clergy.

Eugene Cronin, Laurence O'Moore, Richard French, Aeneas Power, John O'Grady, Maurice O'Kenraghty, Andrew Stritch, Bernard Moriarty, John Stephens, Walter Ternan, George Power, Vicar-General; John Walsh, Vicar-General; Nicholas Young, Daniel O'Moloney, Donough O'Cronin, cleric; John O'Kelly, Brian

Murchertagh, Donough O'Falvey, Bernard O'Carolan, Donatus MacCried, Patrick O'Derry, John Lune, Patrick O'Loughran, Ludovicus O'Laverty, Philip Cleary, Henry White, Theobald Stapelton, Edward Stapelton, Thomas Morrissey, Thomas Bath, Roger Ormilus, Hugh Carrigi, Bernard Fitzpatrick, Daniel Delany, Daniel O'Brien, James Morchu, and James Oheagerty.

Order of Premonstratensians.

John Kieran or Mulcheran.

Order of Cistercians.

Gelasius O'Cullenan, Nicholas Fitzgerald, the Prior and his companion members of Holy Saviour; Patrick O'Connor, Malachy O'Connor, the Abbot and monks of the monastery of Magia; Eugene O'Gallagher, Bernard O'Treivir, James Eustace, Malachy Shiel, Edmund Mulligan, and Luke Bergin.

Order of Preachers.

P. MacFerge with his companions, thirty-two religious of the Monastery of Londonderry; John O'Luin, Wm. MacGallen, Peter O'Higgins, Cormac MacEgan, Raymund Keogh, Richard Barry, John O'Flaverty, Gerald Fitzgerald, David Fox, Donald O'Neaghten, James O'Reilly, Dominick Dillon, Richard Oveton, Stephen Petit, Peter Costello, Wm. Lynch, Myler McGrath, Laurence O'Ferral, Bernard O'Ferral, Ambrose Aeneas O'Callill, Edmund O'Beirne, James Woulf, Vincent G. Dillon, James Moran, Donatus Niger, Wm. O'Connor, Thomas O'Higgins, John O'Cullen, David Roche, Bernard O'Kelly, Thaddeus Moriarty, Hugh MacGoill, Raymund O'Moore, Felix O'Connor, John Keating, Clemens O'Callaghan, Daniel MacDonnel, Felix MacDonnel, and Dominick MacEgan.

Order of St. Francis.

Conor Macnarta, Roger Congaill, Fergallus Ward, Edmund Fitzsimon, Donough O'Rourke, John O'Lochran, Cornelius O'Rourke, Thaddeus or Thomas O'Daly, John O'Dowd, Daniel O'Neilan, Philip O'Lea, Maurice O'Scaulton, Daniel Himecan, Charles MacGoran, Roger O'Donnellan, Peter O'Quillan, Patrick O'Kenna, James Pillanus, Roger O'Hanlan, Phelim O'Hara, Henry Delahoyde, Thaddeus O'Meran, John O'Daly, Donatus O'Hurley, John Cornelius, Bernitus O'Mulroney, Brother Thomas and his companion, John O'Molloy, Cornelius O'Dougherty, Galfridius O'Farrel, Thaddeus O'Boyle, Patricius O'Brady, Mattheus O'Leyn, Terence Magennis, Lochlonin Mac O'Cadha, Magnus O'Fodhry, Thomas Fitzgerald, John Honan, John Cathan, Francis O'Mahoney, Hilary Conroy, Christopher Dunleavy, Richard Butler, James Saul, Bernard O'Horumley, Richard Synott, John Esmond, Paulinus Synott, Raymund Stafford, Peter Stafford, Didacus Cheevers, Joseph Rochford, Eugene O'Leman, Francis Fitzgerald, Anthony Muscens, Walter de Wallis, Nicholas Wogan, Denis O'Neilan, Philip Flasberry, Francis O'Sullivan, Jeremiah de Nerihiny, Thaddeus O'Caraghy, William Hickey, Roger de Mara, Hugh MacKeon, Daniel Clanchy, Neilan Loughran, Anthony O'Farrel, Antony Broder, Eugene O'Callan, John Ferall, Bonaventuro de Burgo, John Kearney, and Bernard Connaeus.

Order of St. Augustine.

Thaddeus O'Connell, Austin Higgins, Peter Taffe, Wm. Tirrey, Donatus O'Kennedy, Donatus Serenan, Fulgentius Jordan, Raymund O'Malley, Thomas Tullis, and Thomas Deir.

Carmelite Order.

Thomas Aquinas of Jesus, Angelus of St. Joseph, and Peter of the Mother of God.

Order of the Blessed Trinity.

Cornelius O'Connor and Eugene O'Daly.

Society of Jesus.

Edmund MacDaniell, Dominick O'Collins, Wm. Boyton, Robert Netterville, and John Bath.

Laymen and Noblemen.

Wm. Walsh, Oliver Plunkett, Daniel Sutton, John Sutton, Robert Sherlock, Matthew Lamport, Robert Myler, Christopher Roche, Edward Cheevers, John