

Persons living in other parts of the diocese will make six visits to the principal church of the district, or to the church where they usually assist at Holy Mass on Sundays. Members of religious communities will make their visits to the church where they usually hear Mass on Sundays. All who are residing in the Sacred Heart Home at Anderson's Bay will make the visits to the community chapel.

'The visits and the prayers must not be otherwise obligatory. Hence a visit for the purpose of hearing an obligatory Sunday Mass does not suffice; it is necessary to leave the church after the obligatory Mass and re-enter for the Jubilee visit.'

'Two or more visits may be made on the same day, but the six visits must be six distinct visits, so it will be necessary to leave the church after each visit and re-enter for a new visit.'

During each of the visits the faithful will pray according to the intention of the Holy Father for the prosperity and exaltation of the Catholic Church and of the Apostolic See; for the extirpation of heresies, and the conversion of all who are in error; for concord amongst Christian Princes, and peace and unity amongst all the faithful.

2nd. Almsgiving according to the means of each individual.—The alms may be given to the needy, or to some pious object. I would suggest that the alms be given to St. Vincent's Orphanage, South Dunedin. 'In the case of those who are under disability by reason of subjection to parents, guardians, or religious superiors, it is sufficient if parents, guardians, or religious superiors make the donation in the name and with the sanction of their subjects' (*I. E. R.*).

3rd. A good confession.

4th. A Holy Communion.

It is not necessary that the prescribed works be performed in any fixed order. What is prescribed is that the works be completed on or before the 8th of December, and that the last work be performed in the state of Grace.

The plenary indulgence of the Jubilee may and can be applied by way of suffrage to the souls in Purgatory.

It will be useful to have special Jubilee triduum in the various churches throughout the diocese, during which priests from other parishes may be invited to give instructions and to assist in hearing the confessions of the faithful. In each church, on one or two Sundays set apart for special Jubilee devotions, there may be Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Mass until evening devotions, if circumstances permit.

Ample choice of a Jubilee confessor who has all the Jubilee faculties is given to the faithful by the Apostolic Letter of his Holiness Pope Pius X.

The selected Jubilee confessor can commute the prescribed works into other works of equal moral value, and can also dispense from Communion children who have not as yet been allowed to receive their First Holy Communion. Moral impossibility or serious difficulty will suffice to enable the confessor to exercise his power of commutation (see *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, May and June numbers).

You will be good enough to read this letter and explain the Apostolic Letter in each of the churches of your district as soon as circumstances will allow you to do so. Exhort your flocks to perform all the Jubilee works with great fervour. Frequently invite them to pray for our Holy Father the Pope, for the exaltation of the Holy Catholic Church, for our own wants, and for the conversion of sinners. God in His mercy will hear our prayers and shower down His blessings very abundantly upon us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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Bishop of Dunedin.

Dunedin, 1st day of August, 1913.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

MEETING OF THE DOMINION COUNCIL

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The following is a full report of the proceedings at the first meeting of the Dominion Council of the New Zealand Catholic Federation, held at St. Patrick's Hall, Wellington, on July 27 and 28:—

Present: Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (Dunedin), Rev. Father Edge, Messrs. Casey and McLaughlin (Auckland), Messrs. Girling-Butcher, Hoskins (secretary), and Callaghan (Wellington), Hayward (Christchurch), Shiel (Dunedin), and Poppelwell (Gore).

On the motion of Mr. Hayward, seconded by Rev. Father Coffey, Mr. Girling-Butcher (chairman of the provisional Executive) was elected chairman of the meeting.

The report and statement of accounts submitted by the provisional Executive were read and adopted.

His Grace Coadjutor-Archbishop O'Shea (Wellington) then addressed the meeting. He apologised for the absence of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, who was unfortunately compelled to be away in Wanganui. In Archbishop Redwood's absence, and on behalf of Wellington, he gave the delegates from Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin a very hearty welcome, and hoped that their stay in Wellington would be a very pleasant one, as well as a very beneficial one as regarded the work they had on hand. He assured the meeting that it was a very great pleasure, indeed, to him to see assembled there, from all parts of the Dominion, the representatives of the Diocesan Councils, about to establish the work of Catholic Federation. For some time past the provisional Executive, which went out of office that day, had been working very strenuously, as might be judged from the report just read, and he thought they had done very creditable work. They had labored under the disadvantage of having to provide a scheme of organisation for the whole country though they had not had the opportunity of discussing with the representatives of the different parts of the Dominion the various points of that scheme. However, he thought they had done a great deal of good work, and it now remained for the present meeting to amend in whatever way they deemed it necessary the constitution drafted by the provisional Executive, and make of it something that would suit the whole of the Dominion, and be for the benefit of the whole Catholic people of New Zealand. He admitted that they in Wellington did not believe for a moment that they possessed the monopoly of wisdom or brains. On the contrary, he was sure that the delegates from other centres would be able to suggest points of very material help towards a satisfactory scheme of Catholic Federation. In the past, they as a body had been a minority in this country; they had labored under serious disabilities, but he believed that if the Catholic people were united, as he hoped the Federation would unite them, these disabilities would be removed. They had a voting strength of 80,000, and surely in a total voting strength in the Dominion of half a million that 80,000 could do something. If they worked together they would become a grand Catholic Federation in this country, so that when the leaders spoke their voice would be the unanimous expression of opinion of the Catholic people. That would, he felt sure, go a long way towards getting righted those wrongs under which they were suffering, and it would mean that the Catholic body would be respected. He prayed that God would bless their labors for the Catholic people, and trusted that the result would be a strong united Catholic Church in the Dominion. (Applause.)

Apologies for absence were received from Very Rev. Dean Hyland (Rangiora), Very Rev. Dean Holley (Wanganui), and Very Rev. Chancellor Price (Christchurch).



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