

the priest, that consecrates the head of the bishop, that makes holy unto God the altar and the chalice of the Christian sacrifice. These and similar powers the bishop receives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. But such is the marvellous unity of the Church of God that a bishop can neither put forth the graces of his ministry, nor exercise the powers of his ruling, until a see or diocese has been assigned to him by the Vicar of Christ, where his ministry can be exercised. A striking illustration of the permanence of episcopal sees, as also a proof of especial favor on the part of his Holiness, the illustrious Pontiff who now sits on the Chair of Peter, is the appointment of the present Coadjutor-Archbishop to the venerable see of Gortyna, one of the oldest in the Church—the see, created by St. Paul and assigned to Titus as the diocese in which he was to exercise the powers of his consecration. Once vested with his jurisdiction the bishop, in his own name and by his own inherent right, as successor to the Apostles, is the ruler of his diocese, the guardian of revealed truth, the father of the clergy, the pastor of the people, the chief preacher of the Word of God, the first guide of souls. All other ministries are exercised in dependence upon him, and hence St. Cyprian spoke with truth 1500 years ago, when he said: 'The Church is in the bishop, and should the dire necessity arise, it is the bishop who cuts off the faithless and unbelieving member from his communion—which is communion with the Catholic Church.' All these powers are beautifully symbolised in the ceremony of consecration and the insignia of episcopal office. (Here follows a description of the ceremonies.) Thus clothed in the armor of a lieutenant of Christ, a new bishop goes forth to-day to engage in a battle of giants. He goes forth to join issue with the subtle forces of materialism, of scepticism, of godlessness, so ceaselessly attacking the Kingdom of God.

In the Early Days of the Church

the bishop had to be first in suffering and martyrdom. He then personates Christ as priest and victim. In the Middle Ages, when the people were oppressed by kings and nobles, they looked to their bishop for redress. He then represented his Master in His Sovereignty. This is an age of unbelief, of godless teaching. In science, in education, in government, man is held to be all sufficient for himself. The age is striving to do without God. And has God no witness left? Is there no prophet any more to voice the mind of God and to enunciate the divine principles of guidance, that alone can save the world? Yes; the bishop is the mouthpiece of God, and represents to-day the prophetic character of Jesus Christ. Thus divinely commissioned; a new bishop goes forth to-day. Bearing aloft the standard of the Cross, he goes forth to defend the citadel of Christ's Church, to defend the lambs of the flock from the godless secularism of this age of materialism, with its false theories regarding God and the immortal soul. With the full consciousness of his high office, and putting forth into life and action every atom and every spark of the divine energy that now fills his soul, he sets out to lead his people across the desert of life unto the Holy Mount of God. Let Christ remember his promise and be ever with him. This dignity he has not taken upon himself. To it, he has been called as was Aaron of old. Christ has spoken through Pius, and in obedience to that supreme authority he has assumed the responsibilities of his exalted charge. In a like spirit of obedience we hasten to his feet to express our congratulations, to pledge our loyalty and faithful services. His now to command, his now to lead, ours to follow with alacrity, ours to obey with submission of will and judgment. But in the present consecration ceremony there is to the people of this parish something of a unique character. Your bishop comes not into your midst a stranger, comes not from afar. If he did, the same Catholic spirit of submission to the representatives of Jesus Christ would prompt whole-hearted expressions of loyalty and devotedness. But the one who has been exalted to the chief pastorate of this vast archdiocese is your own Father. Nearly 20 years ago many of us saw him ordained, in this very church, a priest of the Most High God. Since then, one year excepted, he has been your priest. Day by

day he has offered the Holy Sacrifice in your midst—the Mass you often assisted at, I so often had the privilege of serving. He has preached to you the word of life; waited in the tribunal of mercy to absolve you from your sins, watched over your spiritual interests with a constancy that never wavered, with a zeal that never flagged. And what a priest! If ever a foundation was laid for the responsibilities of the episcopal office in solid piety, in the spirit of prayer, in deep learning, and in zeal for the advancement of the Church of God—and such alone count with God. Money, influence, human eloquence, such alone cannot advance the Kingdom of Christ.

Personal Sanctity

is what God looks to in those to whom He entrusts his mission. And if ever a foundation was laid in the soul of anyone in the virtues of the hidden life, so dear to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, so meet in a Knight of Heaven's Queen, for twenty years they have been well and truly laid in the priestly soul of him who to-day becomes your archbishop. These have been his preparations for the sacramental graces, which must in such abundance have streamed into his soul this morning, and they are an augury of success—of brilliant success—in the higher ministrations to which God has called him. Yes, it is our own priest who has been exalted, and so honored with all the congratulations of friends, and the loyalty of all true subjects of the diocese; there is within the hearts of the people of this parish, exuberant joy and filial pride in the honor done to our parish, and the well-merited promotion of our Father.

Your Grace, you are now our Archbishop, and as such we offer you our congratulations; we assure you of our loyalty. But you will ever be our Father; your dignity will not dismay us, will not estrange us from you. We will come to you for advice in our difficulties, for encouragement in our trial, for comfort in our sorrows. We congratulate you from our hearts, and we do pray, as we have prayed, that your ministry may be an eminently exalted one, that the difficulties that may beset your path may but plume your courage, that the pressure of the conflict you wage for the Church of God against the powers of darkness may but bring out in bold relief the sacred characters of your divine office, and that with priest and people united to their bishop and archbishop, priest and people closely welded together in close adhesion to the Vicar of Christ, the fruit of the prayer of the dying Saviour, under your able guidance may the Kingdom of Christ be far advanced in this southern land, may the graces of regeneration and reconciliation be carried to innumerable souls, and may a countless host be brought to sanctification and eternal salvation through the faith and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S THANKS.

At the conclusion of the sermon Archbishop O'Shea spoke a few words of thanks. He said: 'My dear brethren, I cannot allow this great event in my life to pass without first of all thanking with all my heart the preacher for the very beautiful and touching sermon which he has delivered here this evening. It is particularly gratifying to me to have Father McCarthy preaching here this night, because, as he has told us, he is a son of this parish. He belonged to this parish when one of our altar boys, not very long ago. I also want to express gratification to the clergy who have come to Wellington at great personal inconvenience, to honor me by being present at this ceremony. I must express a deep feeling of gratification to all for their kindness to me since this news became known and to thank them for their congratulations, and above all to thank you yourselves for your prayers, Masses, and Communion during the last few weeks. I am still to be your pastor, and I hope that the same feeling of affection that has existed for years past will be assured. I ask you to continue and render to me the same assistance since this greater load has been placed on my shoulders. I will never forget your sympathy during the last few months. It encouraged me in the great responsibilities which have been placed upon me. I

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