

house of prayer; who want all the lights on and all the bells ringing for their weddings and baptisms; who want the best service from their clergy because they are entitled to it; but note how much they give at the Colecta. And vice versa, there are those priests who collect their fees to the last centavo but do not sing the right notes in their sung Masses or Responso.

Note further how some priests demand from their Bishops their rights to be heard, to be given due process, to be treated charitably and justly. See how these same priests deny freedom of speech to their fellow priests at their own meetings, how they refuse due process among themselves, how uncharitable and unjust they are among themselves and to their Bishops. And note also how a Bishop pines for the love and affection of his priests and seminarians when he is so aloof and unapproachable.

May the good Lord forgive us for such a perversity. It may be attributed to human frailty. Why, we may not even be aware of such a defect. Perhaps there is a need for a meditation, perhaps a monthly meditation, on these words: "*FOR EVERY RIGHT THERE IS A DUTY; FOR EVERY PRIVILEGE THERE IS AN OBLIGATION.*"

THE SAINTS OF AUGUST

Saints are given us by Holy Mother Church for our emulation! The month of August is specially full of models for us priests.

August 1st has *St. Alfonso de Liguori*, the hero of the Confession Box. August 4th has *St. John Vianney*, Patron of Parish Priests, whose mediocrity in human intelligence was supplemented by piety and divine wisdom. August 8th has *St. Dominic of Guzman*, chief propagator of the Holy Rosary and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the one responsible for extending the power to preach, then reserved to Bishops, to the priests. August 10th has *St. Lorenzo, Martyr*, who could

manage to joke his tormentors while being roasted at the grill. August 20th has *St. Bernard*, the Troubador of Our Lady. August 21 has *St. Pius X*, the Pope of frequent Communion and the Patron of Catholic Action. August 28th has *St. Augustine*, priests' model in continuous studies and the preacher on the Most Holy Trinity and other not very popular topics. Finally, August 29th has *St. John the Baptist*, the model of apostolic freedom who had the courage to face Herod with the words "Non Licet".

All Ye, Saints and holy priests in heaven, pray for us, the poor, weak and struggling priests on earth!

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On the occasion of the erection of the new Archdiocese of Lipa, with the Dioceses of Lucena, Infanta and Calapan as suffragans, and the elevation of His Excellency Most Rev. Alejandro Olalia to the rank of Archbishop, on August 15, 1972, the *Boletin Eclesiastico* extends its prayerful greetings and congratulations.