

# *Our Chapel*

“What beauty and mystery in the long-drawn aisles, where the ever-shifting lights of day recall the solemn march of life from the cradle to the grave! What loftiness and inviolable sanctity in the great white walls that loom up from afar and emphasize the purity of Christian life! What stability and permanence about this structure whose foundations are knit into the bedrock of the world, as those of the Church herself are inseparably cemented upon the rock which is Christ! Who can gaze upon it without feeling that he stands very close to the eternal truth, the source of such ineffable order and harmony, or who can enter and drink of its unutterable charms without feeling that God is here indeed, and that the very silence is musical with angelic confession of His glory?”

“In this magnificent church and the adjoining property you have given proof that the generosity of the earlier generations is **equalled** by that of the present, nay! surpassed, for the demands of taste and progress grow rapidly, and you have satisfied them in a way which does credit to you and your noble city. You have reared in love and patience the shining white walls of this city of God on earth. In return for this may **the** Almighty God increase in you the spirit of faith! May He multiply in you the virtues of piety, charity, and humility! May He preserve you ever through this holy house from the contagion of the world and its cankering spirit! ”

**BISHOP SHAHAN, *adapted***