

LUMEN ECCLESIAE

The Master Builder set thee in His fane
A stately Gothic window, that through thee
The light from Truth's tremendous torch might be
Received, and checked be error's wind and rain.
The theme of each majestic lancet-pane
Was patience, wisdom, grace and chastity;
With study, prayer and penance as the three
Supporting mullions of the gorgeous stain.

But looking down upon the mighty nave
Of more than seven centuries, the star
Within the arch that points to heaven's height
Was thy devotion to the Queen who gave
The Rosary. We beg thee from afar,
Dear Father, help us show the torch's light.

—Bro. Constant Werner, O. P.