

more than human in the life of the Church. Who else, either now, or in ages past, could have been the object of such genuine respect, such spontaneous devotion, from so many and such widely differing classes and masses? None other than a Pope. And this Pope is a feeble old man, practically a prisoner, and dependent for support on the charity of us, his children. And yet the whole world is taking part in honouring him with gifts the most costly and precious, with messages of respect and love, with special Embassies sent by Rulers of Nations, Protestant as well as Catholic. But, unless he is what we believe him to be, the Vicar of Christ on earth, it would be impossible that these things should be verified.

We, in this Diocese, are not, certainly, behind our fellow-Catholics of other parts, in our devotion to the Supreme Pastor of souls on earth. It is a pleasure to be able to inform you that we have forwarded, as the fruit of the collection in the Diocese, Four Hundred Pounds Sterling to the Holy Father, as your offering, together with the expressions of love, veneration and reverence, which we all entertain. Many prayers and good works have been likewise offered up in the Diocese for him; and we direct that his Jubilee be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 1st, in all the Churches, by inviting the Faithful to offer Communions and Prayers of Thanksgiving on that day; and, where possible, by a Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament, with a short discourse appropriate to the occasion.

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