

their children to be mindful of the thousands of poor children in China, who are exposed by their parents to the death of body and soul. In this unhappy country, parents when they have as many children as they wish to rear up, will expose the rest to be drowned in the rivers or devoured by beasts. Thousands of these innocent babes are collected every year, and their lives preserved by pious women who go through the villages in quest of those infants. These pious women require money for this work. We shall appropriate a fair share of the funds which are gathered, to the Association of the Holy Childhood instituted for the baptism and succour of those children. The journeys of the missionaries are very expensive in these foreign countries, and their people are too poor to contribute more than a trifle to their support. Besides, churches, orphanages and schools must be built, and teachers supported. This Evangelical work cannot be carried on except by the charity of the old Christian world. If we cannot join these holy men and women in labouring to extend the Kingdom of Christ by our toils and sufferings, we can at least facilitate their work, and participate in their reward. One of the great obstacles to the spread of the true faith is the multiplicity of the Protestant sects, preaching different religions to a people who were taught to believe that the religion of Christ is one, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." We have appointed the Second Sunday of Lent for this collection, to give the people an opportunity of adding to their fastings, mortification and prayer, almsdeeds which deliver from sin. This pastoral shall be read in all the churches, religious communities and chapels of our archdiocese on the first Sunday of Lent, or on the following Sunday in chapels where there had been no mass on the first Sunday. The religious communities and children confided to their care are exhorted to contribute to this great work. Given at St. Michael's Palace on Ash Wednesday, 1883.

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Collections are to be sent to St. Michael's Palace as soon as possible.

NOTE.—Synopsis of the progress of religion in China.

Pagan Population.....	164,663,200
Catholic .. .. .	771,710
Japan, Pagan.....	33,940,000
,, Catholic.....	25,633
Conversion of Adults in China .....	17,847
Baptism of Children.....	286,782
Conversion in Japan.....	1,227
Baptism of Infants .....	1,464