

LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

OF THE

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JOHN—by the Grace of God and the appointment of the Holy
See, BISHOP OF LONDON,

*To the Clergy, Religious Communities and Faithful of our Diocese
Greeting and Benediction in the Lord.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

At the approach of this holy season of Lent, we deem it our duty to address you some words of instruction and edification. Our Blessed Lord has laid on the Bishops of His Church the burden of instructing the faithful committed to their charge in the great and saving truths of our holy religion. "Go teach all nations; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded." St. Matthew xxviii, 19-20.

It is the duty and the happiness of these "sowers" of the Gospel, to cast the divine seed of God's Word into the soil of human hearts, in the hope that, falling upon good ground, it may spring up and yield fruit a hundredfold—the fruit of Christian virtue and holiness of life here, and the rewards of eternal life hereafter.

Now there is no more fruitful source of instruction and edification than the study of the life and actions of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "He is the way, the truth and the life; they that follow Him walk not in darkness." St. John xiv, 6. "He is the light of the world and the salt of the earth. There is no salvation in any other, for there is no other name