



GENERAL INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY, 1891.

*Named by Pope Leo XIII with his special blessing, or
given to His Eminence the Cardinal Prefect of the
Propaganda—the Protector of the Holy League
of the Sacred Heart—for recommendation to
the prayers of the Associates.*

STAUNCHNESS OF FAITH.

IT can hardly be believed, and yet it is true, we have come to such a pass that we must dread the loss of the faith," said the Sovereign Pontiff, the other day, addressing the bishops and the people of Italy. God knows it is bad enough for a single soul to lose the gift of faith, but for a whole people seated at the fountain of truth, dwelling in the sun of the Gospel light, in whose very bosom is cast the rock which is the pillar and ground of truth, that such a people should sink so low in folly and ingratitude as to spurn the divine favor can be accounted for, says the Holy Father, "only by a vast conspiracy that is entangling souls by the million in the snares of hell." He goes on to show by broad daylight facts that this secret but compact organized association of faith-sappers is Free-Masonry.