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The First Encyclical of with the divine assistance never shall of the Father and the image of His ne aught before human society but substance." (4)-(4, Hebr. i. 3) -Pius X.

Encyclical of Our Holy Father, Pius L., by Divine Providence Pope

To the Patriarchs, Primates, Archhishops, Bishops and other Ordinaries in Peace and Communion with the Apostolic See.

PIUS X., POPE.

Tenerable Brothers: Health and the Apostolic Blessing.

Addressing for the first time from almost everywhere, stirred up and The Chair of the Supreme Apostolate fomented against God. For in truth the which we have, by the inscrutable "the nations have raged and the peo-**Misposition** of God, been elevated, it ples imagined vain things" (5)-(5, Ps. ii., 1) against their Creator, so is not necessary to remind you with frequent is the cry of the enemies of what tears and warm entreaties we God: "Depart from us" (6)-(6, Job, exerted ourself to remove from us xxi., 14). And as might be expected this formidable burden of the Pontifi-cate. Unequal in merit though we we find extinguished among the ma-jority of men all respect for the Eternal God, and no regard paid in to with St. Anselm, it seems to us the manifestations of public and prithat we may with truth make our vate life to the Supreme Will-nay, when constrained against his will and to destroy utterly the memory and when constrained against his will and the knowledge of God. rin spite of his struggles to receive the fonor of the episcopate. For to THE COMING OF ANTICHRIST. show the dispositions of mind and will with which we subjected ourself to the most serious charge of feeding perversity may be as it were a forethe flock of Christ we can well ad- taste, and perhaps the beginning of duce those same proofs of grief which those evils which are reserved for the he invokes in his own behalf. "My last days; and that there may be alme for any sorrow, before that day religion, in combating the dogmas of human society, now estranged from me that great misfortune of the arch- and destroy all relations between man bishopric of Canterbury . And those and the Divinity! While, on the other hand, and this, according to the same who fixed their gaze on my face on Apostle, is the distinguishing mark ing man, was pale for amazement and God, raising himself above all that hear, for our gladness, "a loud is called God; in such wise that alalarm. Hitherto I have, with true is called God, in such wise that alreasons, resisted, as far as I could, in himself all knowledge of God, he kingdom of our God, and the power my election or rather the violence done me. But now I am constrained to confess, whether I will or no, that to confess, whether I will or no, that temple wherein he number is to be means and exert all our energy to adored. "He sitteth in the temple of means and exert all our energy to so that I see no way of escaping them. Wherefore, vanquished as I am

ests, and for these we are resolved to spend all our strength and our very life. Hence should anyone ask us for a symbol as the expression of our will, we will give this and no other: "To renew all things in Christ."

THE WAR ON GOD.

In undertaking this glorious task we are greatly quickened by the certainty that we shall have all of you, venerable brothers, as generous co-operators. Did we doubt it we has imagined, but to the true and should have to regard you, unjustly, living God, one in nature, triple in should have to regard you, unjustly, as either unconscious or heedless of that sacrilegious war which is now,

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When all this is considered there is good reason to fear lest this great on which there seemed to fall upon the faith, in brazen effort to uproot the wisdom of Christ; the Church will that day could not fail to see it. I, of Antichrist, man has with infinite happy issue, we shall be rejoiced to in color more like a dead than a liv- temerity, put h/mself in the place of see evil giving place to good,

THE TRIUMPH OF GOD.

by the violence not so much of men Verily no one of sound mind as of God, against which there is no doubt the issue of this contest beproviding. I realize that nothing is tween man and the Most High. Man, left for me, after having prayed as abusing his liberty, can violate the much as I could, and striven that this right and the majesty of the Creator tion and discipline of youth, on the Tim. vi., 20). Tim. vi., 20). Tim. vi., 20). Tim. vi., 20). much as I could, and striven that this right and the majesty of the Creator tion and discipline of youth, on the the sector tion and discipline of youth, on the the sector tion and use of property, the sector the majesty of the universe but the victory will possession and use of property, the mapped are persecuted and we suffer it; we

ne aught before human society but substance," (4)-(4, Hebr. i., 3) -the minister of God, of whose au-thority we are the depositary. The interests of God shall be our inter-vation-"neither doth any one know vation-"neither doth any one know the Father but the Son, and he to whom it shall please the Son to re-veal him³⁰ (5)-(5, Matt. xi., 27). Hence it follows that to restore all things in Christ and to lead us back to submission to God is one and the same aim. To this, then, it besame arm. To this, then, it be-hooves us to devote our care—to lead back mankind under the dominion of Christ; this done, we shall have brought it back to God. When we say to God we dognot mean to that inert being heedless of all things hu-man which the dreams of materialists has imagined but to the torus and person, Creator of the world, most wise Ordainer of all things, Lawgiver most just, who punishes the wicked and has reward in store for virtue.

TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST, TO CHRIST THROUGH THE CHURCH.

Now the way to reach Christ is not hard to find; if is the Church. Rightly does Christendom inculcate: "The Church is thy hope, the Church is thy salvation, the Church is thy refuge" (6)-(6, Hom. de capto Eutropio, n. It was for this that Christ founded it, at the price of His blood, and made it the depository of His doctrine and His laws, bestowing upon it at the same time an inexhaustible treasury of graces for the sanctification and salvation of men.

RESTORING THE LAWS AND COUNSELS OF THE GOS-PEL.

subject it to Christ, and Christ to God. If we, through the goodness of God Himself, bring this task to the judgments of God oppose greater God, showing himself as if he were and greater resistance to my efforts, God." (8)-(8, II. Thess. ii., 2). the substitution of man for God; this done, it remains to restore to their ancient place of honor the most holy laws and counsels of the Gospel; to

proclaim aloud the truths taught

rule the State, and lastly to restore

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what we, in submitting ourself to the

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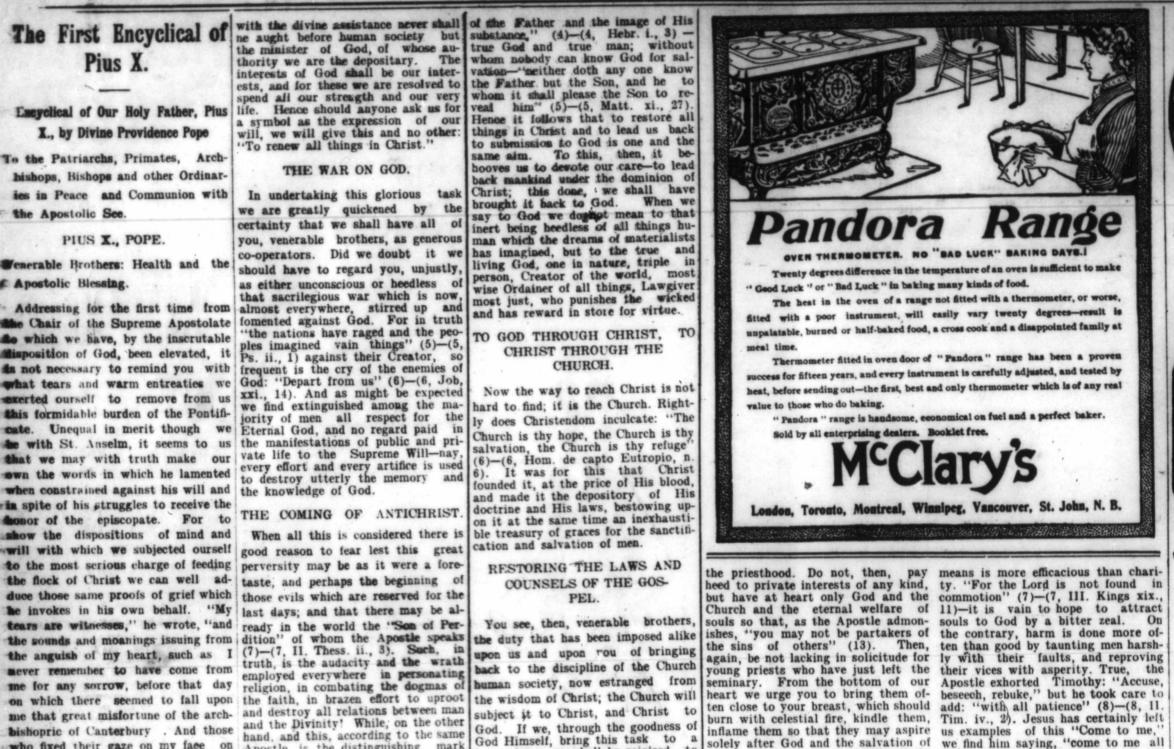
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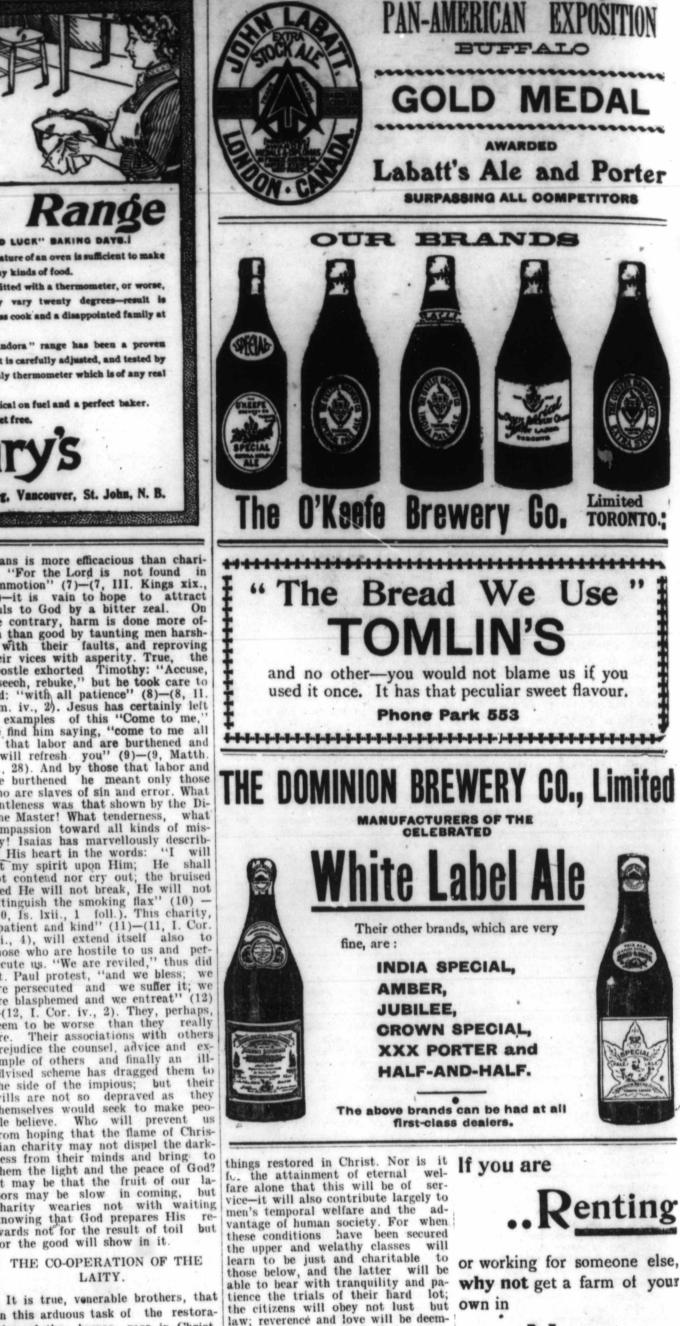
duties that men owe to those

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we find him saying, "come to me all souls. Rest assured, venerable brothye that labor and are burthened and ers, that we on our side will use the I will refresh you" (9)-(9, Matth greatest diligence to prevent the mem- xi., 28). And by those that labor and bers of the clergy from being drawn are burthened he meant only those into the snares of a certain new and who are slaves of sin and error. What gentleness was that shown by the Difallacious science, which savoreth not of Christ, but with masked and cunvine Master! What tenderness, what ning arguments strives to open the compassion toward all kinds of misdoors to the errors of rationalism and ery! Isaias has marvellously described His heart in the words: "I will set my spirit upon Him; He shall semi-rationalism, against which the Apostle warned Timothy to be on his guard, when he wrote: "Keep that not contead nor cry out; the bruised which is committed to thy trust, reed He will not break, He will not avoiding the profane novelties of extinguish the smoking flax" (10) - (10, Is. lxii., 1 foll.). This charity, words, and opposition of knowledge falsely so called which some promis- "patient and kind" (11)-(11, I. Cor.)ing have erred in the faith" (1)-(1, xii., 4), will extend itself also to

are blasphemed and we entreat" (12)



chalice should if possible pass from of the universe; but the victory will me without my drinking it, but to ever be with God-nay, defeat is sink my own felings and my will and nearest at the very moment when resign myself entirely to the design and the will of God."

LEO'S GLORIOUS MEMORY.

In truth. and most weighty were not lacking after these apparent retreats, "awakto justify this resistance of ours. ed like a mighty man that hath been For, apart from the fact that we surfeited with wine" (10)-(10, Ps. deemed ourself. altogether unworthy, through our littleness, of the honor lxvii., 22)-that all may know "that of the Pontificate, who would not God in the king of all the earth' have been disturbed at seeing himself ing the Church with supreme, wisdom men", (13)-(13, Ps. ix., 20). designated to succeed him, who, rulfor nearly twenty-six years, showed himself adorned with such sublimity of mind, such lustres of every virtue, as to attract to himself the admiration even of adversaries and to leave achievements?

-APOSTASY FROM GOD.

Then again, to omit other motives, Lord, let not man be strengthened" we were terrified beyond all else by the disastrous state of human society to-day. For who can fail to see ble and deep-rooted malady which, deweloping every day and eating into Ixxii., 17). We saw, therefore, addressed to us that Divine comnd: "Lo, I have set thee this day over the nations and over kingdoms; to root up, and to pull down, and to waste, and to destroy, and to build, and to plant" (2)-(2, Jerem. i., 10). But, cognizant of our weakness we recoiled in terror from a task as urg- tranquility of order, band themselves ent as it is arduous.

FIUS' PROGRAMME-TO RESTORE bor lost! For there is but one party ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Since, however, it has been pleasing to the Divine Will to raise our lowliness to such sublimity of power, we take courage in Him Who the love of peace. strengthens us, . and, setting ourself the work, relying on the power of Bod, we proclaim that we have no other programme in the Supreme tificate but that "of restoring all hings in Christ," (3)-(3, Ephes. 1., b) so that "Christ may be all and in all" (4)-(4, Coloss. iii., 2). Some will certainly be found who, measur- cept by means of Jesus Christ. "No time comes for promotion the youth-

man, under the delusion of his triumph, rises up with most audacity. Of this we are assured, in the Holy Books by God Himself. Unmindful, as it were, of His strength and greatness, He "overlooks the sins of men" reasons both numerous (9)-(9, Sap. xi., 24)-but swiftly

to attain it. It is for you, venerable brothers, to second our efforts by ence, and, above all, by your zeal for "He shall break the the glory of God, with no other aim than that Christ may be formed in heads of His enemies" (11)-(11, Ps. all. THE FORMATION OF THE (12)-12, Ps. 1xvi., 8)-"that the Gen-

tiles may know themselves to be As to the means to be employed in

NO PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE.

perfluous to name them, for they lieve and expect with unshakable are obvious to themselves. Let your All this, venerable brothers, we befirst care be to form Christ in those memory stamped in glorious faith. But this does not prevent us who are destined, from the duty of also, according to the measure given their vocation, to form Him in oth-

SOCIETY'S MALIGNANT DISEASE to each, from exerting ourself to hasers. ten the work of God-and not merely by praying assiduously: "Arise, O

(14)-(14, Ps. ix., 19)-but, more im-portant still, by affirming both by live as that which Paul in these ten- "The spirit of the Lord hath anointword and deed and in the light of der words proclaimed that he him- ed me, hath sent me to evangelize the day, God's supreme dominion over man and all things, so that His right whom I am in labor again until captive and sight to the blind" (4)-any past age, suffering from a terri-ble and deep-rooted malady which, de-be fully realized and respected. This Gal. iv., 19). But how will they be while non-are led by reason and lib. be fully realized and respected. This Gal. IV., 19). But now will they be while men are led by reason and lib-is imposed upon us not only as a able to perform this duty if they be while men are led by reason and lib-Bishops; for to no one in the Church that "piety is useful for all things" natural duty, but by the common in- not first clothed with Christ them- erty, the principal way to restore the its inmost being, is dragging it to terest of mankind. For, venerable selves? and clothed with Christ in empire of God in their souls is religdestruction. You understand venera- brothers, who can help being appalled such a way as to be able to say ious instruction? How many there are ble brothers, what this disease is - and afflicted when he beholds, in the with the Apostle: "I live, yet not I, Who mimic Christ and abhor the ed you to rule" (14)-(Acts xx., 28). ble brothers, what this disease is -apostasy from God, than which in **truth** nothing is more allied with **ruin**, according to the word of the prophet: "For behold they that go far from Thee shall perish" (1)-(1, We can the for period is in the formation in the period is in the period is in the period is in the formation in the period is in th sire for peace is certainly harbored in the perfect man, in the measure of every breast, and there is no one the age of the fullness of Christ" (11) the people at large and among the Pontificate which was to be intrusted who does not ardently invoke it. But -(11, Ephes. iv., 3), it is addressed lowest classes, who are thus easily to want peace without God is an ab- before all others to those who exer- led astray, but even among the more dy for this great evil, considering surdity, seeing that when God is ab- cise the sacerdotal ministry; - thus cultivated and among those endowed, sent thence, too, justice flies, and when justice is taken away it is vain to cherish the hope of peace. "Peace is the work of justice" (1)— (1, Is. Takii, 17). There are many, we are well aware, who, in their selves the image of Christ.

yearning for peace, that is, for the BISHOPS AND THEIR SEMINAR-IES. into societies and parties, which they

style parties of order. Hope and la-This being so, venerable brothers, of what nature and magnitude is the of order capable of restoring peace in the midst of all this turmoil, and care that must be taken by you in forming the clergy to holiness! All that is the party of God. It is this party, therefore, that we must adother tasks must yield to this one. vance, and to it attract as many as Wherefore the chief part of your dilipossible, if we are really urged by gence will be directed to governing and ordering your seminaries 'aright JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY so that they may flourish equally in sound teaching and in the spotless MEANS OF SAVING SOCIETY. morality. Regard your seminary as But, venerable brothers, we shall the delight of your hearts, and glect on its behalf none of those never, however much we exert ourprovisions which the Council selves, succeed in calling men back to. Trent has, with admirable forethe majesty and empire of God, ex-

thought, prescribed. And when the the Apostle admonishes us, ful candidates to holy orders, ah! ing divine things by human stand-ards, will seek to discover secret aims of ours, distorting them to an carthy scope and to partisan designs. To eliminate all vain delusion for such as we say to them with empha-is that we, do not wish to be, and (3)-(3, John x., 36)-"the admonishes us, (3)-(3, John x., 36)-"the admonishes us, the Apostle admonishes us, "can lay other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus that we, do not wish to be, and "can lay other foundation than that such as we say to them with empha-sis that we, do not wish to be, and "can lay other foundation than that such as we say to them with empha-tion the splendor whether the splendor such as a general rule the faithful will be such as a general rule the faithful will be

This does not prevent us from esteeming worthy of praise those young are. useful studies in every branch of learning the better to prepare them-

the faith. Yet we cannot conceal, your holiness, knowledge and experi- nay, we proclaim in the most open manner possible, that our preference is, and ever shall be, for those who,

divine glory. "It is a great grief and a continual sorrow for our heart" (2) securing this great end, it seems su--(2, Rom. ix., 2) to find Jeremiah's lamentation applicable to our times:

"The little ones asked for bread and there was none to break it to them" (3)-(3, Lam. iv., 4). For there are in this arduous task of the restoranot lacking among the clergy those tion of the human race in Christ, We speak of the priests, vener- their bent to works of more apparent able brothers. For all who bear the than real solidity-but not so numermoreover, with education beyond the common. The result is for a great many the loss of the faith. For it is not true that the progress of knowledge extinguishes the faith-rather it is ignorance, and the more ignorance prevails the greater is the havoc wrought by incredulity. And this is why Christ commanded the Apostles:

"Go, teach all nations" (6)-(6, Matth. xxviii., 19). But in order that the desired fruit may be derived from this apostolate and this zeal for teaching, and that Christ may be formed in all, remem-

ber, venerable, brothers, that no Sore Throat I Don't delay; serious bronchial trouble or diphtheria may develop. The only safe way is to apply

a remedy you can depend upon. Wrap the throat with a cloth wet in it before retiring, and it will be well in the morning.

There is only one Painkiller, "PERRY DAVIS'."

-(12, I. Cor. iv., 2). They, perhaps, seem to be worse than they really Their associations with others priests who dedicate themselves to prejudice the counsel, advice and example of others and finally an illadvised scheme has dragged them to the side of the impious; but their selves to defend the truth and to re- wills are not so depraved as they fute the calumnies of the enemies of themselves would seek to make people believe. Who will prevent from hoping that the flame of Christian charity may not dispel the darkness from their minds and bring them the light and the peace of God? while cultivating ecclestastical and It may be that the fruit of our laliterary erudition dedicate themselves bors may be slow in coming, more closely to the welfare of souls charity wearies not with waiting through the exercise of those minis- knowing that God prepares His tries proper to a priest zealous of the wards not for the result of toil but for the good will show in it.

THE CO-OPERATION OF THE LAITY.

ed a duty toward those that govern, who adapt themselves according to that neither you or your clergy "whose power comes only from God" should exclude all assistance. We (1)-(1, Rom. xiii., 1). And then? able brothers. For all who bear the than real solidity-but not so numer-seal of the priesthood must know ous, perhaps, are those who, after the one to have a care for his neighbor that the Church, such as it was in-that they have the same mission to the example of Christ, take to them-(13, Eccl. vxii., 12). For it is not and entire liberty and independence of priests alone but all the faithful, all foreign dominion; and we, in demanding that same liberty, are dewithout exception, who must concern themselves with the interests of God fending not only the sacred rights of and souls-not, of course, according religion, but are also consulting the common weal and the safety of nations. For it continues to be true except you is it given to preside over (2)-(2, I. Tim. iv., 8)-when this is to teach, to govern "the Church of strong and flourishing the people will "truly sit in the fullness of peace' God which the Holy Ghost has plac-(3)-(3, Is. xxxii., 18). May God; "who is rich in mercy (4, Ephes. ii., 4), beningly speed this restoration of the human race Jesus Christ, for "it is not of him ligious in their aim. We, too. have that willeth, or of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy" (5) to this great idea, and we earnestly -(5, Rom. ix., 16). And let us, venerable brothers, "in the spirit of hudesire to see it propagated and flourish in town and country. But we mility" (6), with continuous and urwish that all such associations aim gent prayer ask this of Him through firstly and chiefly at the constant the merits of Jesus Christ. Let us maintenance of Christian life a nong turn, too, to the most powerful inthose who belong to them. For tercession of the Divine Mother-to truly it is of little avail to discuss obtain which we, addressing to you questions with nice sublety, or to this letter of ours on the day dicourse eloquently of rights and dupointed especially for commemorating ties, when all this is unconnected the Holy Rosary, ordain and confirm with practice. The times we live in all our predecessor's prescriptions demand action-but action consisting with regard to the dedication of the JAS. J. O'HEARN entirely in observing with fidelity present month to the august Virgin. and zeal the divine laws and the by the public recitation of the Rosprecepts of the Church, in the frank ary in all churches; with the further and open profession of religion, in the exercise of all kinds of charitable cessors with . God the most pure works, and, independently of self-in-Spouse of Mary, the Patron of the Catholic Church, and the holy Princes terest or worldly advantage. Such luminous examples given by the great of the Apostles Peter and Paul. army of soldiers of Christ will be of And that all this may be realized much greater force in moving and in fulfillment of our ardent desire, drawing men than words and sublime and that everything my be prosperous dissertations; and it will easily come with you, we invoke upon you the most bountiful gifts of divine grace. about that when human respect has been subdued and prejudices and And now in testimony of that most doubting laid aside, large numbers tender charity wherewith we embrace will be won to Christ, becoming in you and all the faithful whom vine Providence has intrusted to their turn promoters of His knowledge and love which are the road to we impart, with all affection in the true and solid happiness. Oh! when in Lord, the Apostolic Blessing to you, every city and village the law of the venerable brothers; to the clergy and Lord is faithfully observed, when re- to your people. spect is shown for sacred things, Given at Rome, at St. Peters. when the Sacraments are frequented, the 4th day of October, 1903, in the and the ordinances of Christian life first year of our Pontificate.

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