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PASTORAL LETTER

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his Grace the First Archbishop of Coronto.



John Joseph Lynch, by the Grace of God, and by the appointment of the Holy Apostolic Sec, Archbishop of Toronto.

To our Beloved Clergy, Religious Communities, and People confided to Our Pastoral care, Health and Benediction in Our Lord.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius IX., the successor of St. Peter, and Christ's Vicar on earth, watches from the height of His Apostolic Chair, the flock confided to his charge by the great Pastor of souls, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

He, with anxious solicitude marks their decrease, their increase, their wants and their progress; and in virtue of His Apostolic authority, guides, directs, chides, encourages and supplies their wants. The command of Christ to St. Peter was "feed my lambs, feed my sheep." This Peter performs in his Successors; and performs the office with the promise of never feeding them with false doctrines. Christ prayed for Peter especially, that his faith should not fail, and on account of that never-failing faith, Peter converted should confirm his brethren in that faith, in as much as, their faith might fail, as Christ did not pray for their faith. as he did for Peter's. Thus, the wiles of the demon who sought to destroy the Church