

PASTORAL LETTER
OF THE
Right Reverend John Walsh, D.D.,
BISHOP OF SANDWICH,
PUBLISHING THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF 17TH OCTOBER, 1867, AND APPOINTING
A TRIDUUM IN COMPLIANCE WITH ITS DIRECTIONS.

**John, by the Grace of God and Appointment of the Holy See,
Bishop of Sandwich.**

*To the Clergy, Religious Communities, and Laity of our Diocese, Health and
Benediction in the Lord.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Once more the voice of the Holy Father resounds through the Christian world, protesting against sacrilegious violence and injustice, and calling attention to the evils that overspread the face of Italy, and that have swept in a devastating tide over unhappy Poland. In an Encyclical Letter, addressed some time since to the universal Church, the Supreme Pontiff bewails these evils in accents akin to those in which our dear Redeemer mourned over the doomed city of Jerusalem. Many a time, during his eventful but glorious Pontificate, has Pius IX. had cause to denounce wickedness, to condemn error, to draw the dividing line between truth and falsehood, and with unflinching voice, to point out to an erring world, the road which leads to virtue and happiness. Like unto his Divine Master, he has been the object of ingratitude, treachery and hatred; he has been maligned and persecuted,—a living fulfilment of the words addressed