



THE CANADIAN MESSENGER.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY

In the interests of the League of the Sacred Heart.

VOL. III.

MARCH, 1893.

No. 3.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR MARCH.

Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope for all the Associates.

A LIVELY FAITH.

SUBMISSIVE to the voice of our Holy Father the Pope, we already prayed for those nations whose soul is actually grievously stricken, since, as His Holiness Leo XIII tells us, they are, after eighteen centuries of Christianity, in dreadful peril of losing the faith.*

To-day it is not only *steadfastness of faith* for which we are about to ask for all Catholic peoples, but a *lively faith*, incapable of remaining pent up in the heart, as nowadays we too often see it languishing and dormant, and in consequence barren. In other words, what we are going to ask for each one of the faithful, living as we are in evil days, is that *spirit of faith* which, according to the words of the Apostle, enables *the just to live by faith* even

* Encyclical of the 15th October, 1890.