

pointed Vicar at Tombolo in November 1848, and Cure of Salzano in 1867, where he remained for years unknown to the world at large but idolized by flock. In 1875 he was made a Canon and spiritual director of the Seminary where he had pursued his studies.

But he was destined for higher honors and consecrated Bishops of Mantoue in the Consistory of November 1884. His first care in his new diocese, and the aim of his life, was to restore all in Christ, and soon the clergy of Mantoue became the admiration of all Northern Italy.

In 1903 the Patriarchal See of Venice being vacant Leo XIII considering the sterling qualities and admirable works of Mgr Sarto named him titular to the See.

Three days after the purple had fallen on his shoulders, the Cardinals assembled in Conclave elected him successor to the illustrious Leo XIII, the fourth of April 1903.

Such was the way decreed by God for the exaltation of the little peasant-lad of Riese, the humble priest hidden for eighteen years in an obscure country-presbytery and of verifying anew the Scriptural axiom :—God exalts the humble.

Pius X's chosen motto confirms the mission he received from heaven : To restore all in Christ : individuals, families, society. But how restore all things in Christ ? Who can accomplish this gigantic task ? Who, but Christ Himself. And, Christ, herebelow is as we are aware, the Eucharist. Yes, the Eucharist preached, adored, well received will engender heroes, martyrs valiant Christians. Pius X realizing this seeks Christ where He is in the August Sacrament of our altars. Since his accession to the Pontifical Throne what has he not done to make known and give to all this divine soul-food. To us and to all lovers of the Eucharist his name recalls the many benefits his great devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament has lavished on us. Since the Eucharistic Congress of Rome, held under his auspices the Holy Father has not ceased to multiply favors in order to further throughout the world the cult of the Most Holy Sacrament.

Therefore we entreat our devoted clients to petition heaven for the prolongation of a reign so fruitful and so beloved.