

PASTORAL LETTER

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HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

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CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE.

RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS
THE ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND.

JOHN, by the Grace of God and the appointment of the Holy See, Archbishop of Toronto, to the Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese:

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

The time is come for taking up, in the various missions of the diocese, the annual collection for the purpose of ecclesiastical education. I need hardly urge the Rev. Clergy to impress upon their people the duty of contributing generously towards this praiseworthy and holy object. The faithful cannot contribute their means towards a more necessary, and at the same time a more meritorious work.

Without a sufficient number of priests religion would decay and perish, and immortal souls would starve for want of the bread of life. Now, we cannot have a sufficient number of priests in this country without the means of educating them, and these means must come from the generous offerings of our ever-faithful people. It takes from eight to ten years to educate a young man in College and Seminary, before he