



PASTORAL

Of the Most Rev. Corneilius D. Archbishop

Cornelius, by the favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Halifax.

To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Diocese.

Benediction in the Sacrament.

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