



GENERAL INTENTION FOR JANUARY.

THE EPISCOPAL JUBILEE OF OUR HOLY FATHER THE
POPE.

The General Intention for this month, though bearing the same title, is not identical with that of September. The special object of the September intention was to prepare for the Jubilee year we are now entering on. The present intention is to pray that God may bless our common Father, and, on the occasion of the celebration of this Jubilee, draw closer the ties of love and brotherhood which should bind together Catholic peoples, and thereby give rise to that concerted action which is calculated to advance the interests of the Church universal, under the leadership of the glorious reigning Pontiff.

Leo XIII was consecrated February 19, 1843, and on the recurrence of that date in 1893, he will have exercised, as bishop for fifty years, the functions of the plenitude of the priesthood. It is a remarkable event, and one seldom to be met with in the history of the long line of Pontiffs who have governed the Church since the time of Peter.

What Heaven has in store for the world during the lapse of this opening year, we can in no way foretell; but we know that there is trouble enough looming up in the near future to invite us to grave reflections.

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