

knowing as we do that it comes from a heart full of love for us and totally free from human respect. Accept then, Right Rev. Father, our warmest congratulations on the high honor you have received. We hope and pray that you will be spared many years to guide and watch us with the faithful interest you have ever displayed ; and that when at length our Lord will call you to rest on His Sacred Heart forever, you will not forget your devoted Parishioners, the members of the League of St. Mary's.

As a souvenir of our friendship, we request your acceptance of this Baptismal Font ; and that you may live long enough to cleanse from original sin thousands of the generation to come is the fervent prayer of your loving children in Christ.

MRS. DEVINE, *President.*

MRS. LYSAGHT, *Treas.*

MISS BEGLEY, *Secretary.*

MRS. COLLINS.

Monsignor replied briefly, thanking the Leaguers for their kind expressions and for their gift. He said that though others might surpass him in what they had accomplished, yet he would yield to no parish priest in the love which he had ever borne to his flock. So it had been with him in the various parishes in which he had been placed. He had always tenderly loved his people, and constantly sought their welfare by every means in his power. He concluded by giving his blessing to the assembled Promoters and Associates.

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Perhaps the souls of some of our dear friends may be suffering in Purgatory on our account ; perhaps for their fondness for us, or for sins of which we were the occasion by scandal, provocation or otherwise : in which cases motives not only of charity, but also of justice, call upon us to endeavor to procure them all the relief in our power.