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GENERAL INTENTION FOR AUGUST.

*Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope
for all the Associates.*

The Church in the two Americas.

THE FOURTH CENTENARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF
THE NEW WORLD.

IN his Brief of February 27, Leo XIII had remarked, that on all sides preparations were going on for the grand celebration in honor of the memory of the great man who had so well deserved of all Christendom and of the whole world in opening a new continent to the missionaries of the true God. It was indeed on October 12, 1492, that Christopher Columbus, after sailing from Palos, on August 3 of the same year, planted the Cross, the banner of Christ, on a prominence of the Island of San Salvador, that banner which later on was to shelter under its protecting folds the vast continent of the two Americas.