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The Parochial Clergy.

IN the order of God's Providence the parochial clergy constitute the ordinary channel through which the Faithful receive the infallible teaching and the life-sustaining sacraments of Holy Church. Even where, as in many parts of America, canonically erected parishes are unknown, there is always one priest to whom the care of souls in each town, viliage or mission is more particularly confided, and that priest is the representative of Jesus the Good Shepherd. All Catholics are aware of this, and yet are there not comparatively few among us who pray regularly for our parish priest?

Now this ought not to be so, if we had the interests of Jesus at heart. For, surely, among all the souls redeemed by His Precious Blood none can be dearer to Him than those whom He himself has appointed to represent Him before