

Solemn Homage

TO JESUS-CHRIST THE REDEEMER



WE have laid before our readers the pontifical brief approving and blessing the project of closing the nineteenth and inaugurating the twentieth century by a solemn homage to Jesus-Christ, the Redeemer.

We have also reproduced the splendid letter by which Cardinal Jacobini, the president of the international committee established in Rome for the purpose of organizing the secular festivals, calls upon all the bishops in the world to lend him their aid and to contribute to the splendor of these festivals either by striking acts of religion and expiation or by the looks which our learned men will publish or by the assiduous exhortations of the best periodical works or finally by some public manifestation of attachment to the Roman Pontiff.

We think we shall please our readers by reprinting here some articles of the programme issued by the International Committee and by relating some of the splendid manifestations of faith and love which are being prepared or are already accomplished here and there in the Catholic world.

I. — Programme. — An international committee is formed for rendering solemn homage to Jesus-Christ, the Redeemer, and to his august Vicar at the moment when the present century will end and the new one will begin. The committee urges all Catholics on earth to unite with one heart and one soul in order that this great manifestation of faith, love and expiation may serve as an example to future generations.

To prepare and accomplish this great act, it proposes the following means:

I. — Offering to the Sovereign Pontiff. — Collect an offering which will be laid at the feet of the Sovereign Pontiff at the end of the secular year.