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## GENERAL INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER.

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

### Clergy Retreats.



THE more sacred and exalted the office the greater is the need of grace from on high to fill it worthily. The most august ministry on earth is incontestably that of the priest whose function is to administer the Sacraments, to shrive sinners, and to consecrate the body of Our Lord. To prove himself faithful to his sublime mission of pastor and

father of souls the priest has to model his life on that of the Priest divinely supereminent, Jesus Christ Himself, so as ever to be a shining example of more than ordinary virtue.

To him more directly than to others among the chosen ones were addressed the words of the Saviour: "You are the salt of the earth" (Matth., v. 13), — "You are the light of the world" (Ib. 14). Words, which falling from the lips of Eternal Truth could not be construed as empty praise, but as establishing the norm whereby the excellence