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**RESPECT AND LOVE FOR RELIGIOUS ORDERS.**

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*General Intention for May named by the Cardinal Protector  
and blessed by the Pope.*

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**I**T is the duty of all sincere followers of our Divine Saviour to respect, love and pray for those who represent Him on earth. His pontiffs, bishops and priests, being the canals through which the Divine life in our souls is watered and helped on to its season of ripening, have a right to those marks of confidence from us. The true and faithful exercise of their solemn functions presupposes confidence in those whom they serve; and confidence is the parent of respect and love, without which no ministry would be fruitful or sought after. That our prayers should aid those who do God's work in the interest of our souls needs little proof; it is a debt of gratitude we pay when we pray to God for His ministers.

But it is not merely to those sharers in the power of