



## GROWTH OF PIETY IN THE YOUNG THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR MAY.

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

**I**T cannot be doubted that the enemy which the Church of Christ has to meet at the present day is not so much Pilate and the soldiery crucifying her spouse, as Herod and his satellites seeking the life of the child. There are indeed countries in which the faith is openly persecuted unto the shedding of martyr's blood, but a world-wide battle is raging against her for the possession of the child. Education is the great question of the day. It is absorbing the deepest thought of kings and statesmen, of parliaments and churches. The powers of darkness in high places are straining their utmost to capture the young and strangle in their souls the supernatural life of faith and Baptism. The universal tendency is to withdraw the child from the parent, who is answerable before the tribunal of God for its eternal as well as temporal welfare, to hand it over to an irresponsible State quite indifferent if not openly hostile to its reli-