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REV. FATHERS AND DEARLY BELOVED CHILDREN:

To-morrow, with the blessing of God, a new year will open for us all. How many of us will see the end of it? God alone knows. Alas! in all probability, before the close of the year upon which we are entering, some of us shall have been summoned before the tribunal of Divine Justice to give an account of their stewardship. God grant it may be their happy lot to receive a blessed sentence and be admitted to the possession of an eternal reward! My desire for such a happy end never was so great, so intense. May it be given to each and every member of our dear and edifying family to remember that we must all die once and that a saintly life alone shall admit us among the Saints forever.

To me the beautiful letters and many kind visits I have lately received are an evident and most consoling proof of the religious sentiments in which our dear congregation of the Holy Cross increases day after day for the edification of all. Never were our dear children of Holy Cross more deserving of the blessing of Heaven. Let them, in a spirit of true devotedness and zeal, continue their efforts to reach still greater perfection! May God bless you all more and more abundantly from the first to the last day of the New Year!

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Superior-General.