

Oratory
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Turin, Via Cottolengo, n. 32

My dearest Sons in Christ,

As I am sending you out to undertake a great task in San Francisco, California, I extend to you my paternal blessing:

May God deign to bless you and your works; may he cause you to grow and multiply like the stars of heaven and the sands of the seashore, that you may save the greatest possible number of souls and that the kingdom of Jesus Christ may extend through all the regions of the earth.

Do not forget your brethren in your holy prayers and sacrifices, and above all remember them to God.

*Turin
16 February, 1897*

*Yours in Jesus and Mary
Rev. Mich. Rua*