

## THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING

**L**AST autumn we printed a conference given by the Holy Father, when he was Patriarch of Venice, to the clergy of his diocese. A copy of *THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT* in which this conference appeared was sent to the Holy Father in token of our filial devotion, and towards the end of January the following gracious acknowledgment was received from the Vatican.

Segreteria di Stato  
di Sua Santità

January 17, 1960

Dear reverend Father,

At the august command of the Sovereign Pontiff, his Holiness Pope John XXIII, I have the honour to send you this acknowledgment for your devoted letter and for the copy of the book 'The Life of the Spirit' which you forwarded some time ago for his acceptance.

The presentation of this volume bears witness to a spirit of filial devotion and attachment which could not fail to bring pleasure and comfort to the paternal heart of the Holy Father. He bids me give expression to his sincere appreciation and gratitude, and prayerfully invoking the abiding assistance of the divine Master upon the apostolate of your publication, he cordially imparts to you and to your collaborators his paternal Apostolic Benediction.

With sentiments of high esteem and religious devotion, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ A. DELL' ACQUA

*Sostituto*