

Archival list

The Kirby Collection Catalogue Irish College Rome

PART 7
YEARS 1887-1890



**ARCHIVES
PONTIFICAL IRISH COLLEGE, ROME**

Code	Date	Description and Extent
KIR / 1886/		
560	February 1886	Holograph letter from Enrico Gualdi, Rome, to Kirby: Communicates reply of S. Congregation of Indulgences regarding the request of the Irish Dominican Sisters of Lisbon. [Italian] 4pp
KIR/1887/		
1	1 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rector of [Seminario Pio], Rome, to Kirby: Writer requests Kirby's presence at a meeting of the rectors of Colleges and seminaries to be held on Thursday, 13 January, regarding the forthcoming Jubilee of Leo XIII. 1p
2	3 January 1887	Holograph letter from Mother Abbess, Skiddaway, Savannah, to Kirby: A long letter in detail regarding troubles of the Poor Clares Collettines and telling what happened at a meeting with, recently appointed, Bishop Becker who wishes to close the convent. Asks Kirby's help and advice. 8pp
3	3 January 1887	Holograph letter from +John Leahy, Newry, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of special faculties of Formula Sexta. 1p
4	3 January 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonio, Dominican Convent, Dublin, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for beautiful prize sent by Pope. 4pp
5	5 January 1887	Holograph letter from +T. Power, St. John's, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Letter of salutation etc. - writer hopes that his student, John O'Reilly, is doing well. 4pp
6	5 January 1887	Holograph letter from Pauline Ch. Hehl, London, to Kirby: Writer begs Kirby to do something to stop Fr. Porter being sent to Bombay. He feels the heat badly, is getting old and is needed in England, while in India 'the heathens do not require such first rate theologians and preachers'. 4pp

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7	5 January 1887	Holograph letter from Mary of St. Agnes, Grettan, Mother Abbess, Drumshambo, to Kirby: Asks information regarding Constitutions sent to Rome for approval and also for relics for two nuns. 4pp.
8	7 January 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Dominican, to Kirby: Thanks for donation sent - local news. 4pp
9	8 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Barth. Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding suggestions for celebrating Pope's Jubilee. Among other things the writer would like to send the Pope a length of white Irish poplin for his soutane to be worn on the day. 4pp
10	10 January 1887	Holograph letter from Patrick Ryan, Charleville, to Kirby: Once a student at the Irish College the writer left, chiefly owing to his inability to study due to ill health. He now feels certain that he has a vocation to the priesthood and asks Kirby for a recommendation to a college in Ireland, preferably All Hallows. 4pp
11	10 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Humphrey O'Riordan, Waterville, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby for help with a possible collection among English-speaking students in Rome. Fr. O'Riordan is trying to save something of 'The Liberator's' home, and also to make some provision for the family owing from Mr. O'Connell of Derrynane Abbey being declared bankrupt. Encloses appeal he proposes to have published in the press of England and Ireland. 2 items
12	10 January 1887	Holograph letter from Amelia Crosthwaite, Dun Laoghaire, to Kirby: Personal letter giving local news and encloses pound for Masses. 4pp
13	10 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Smith, P.P., Blacklion, to Kirby: Encloses application for a dispensation which Dr. Finegan hopes Kirby will obtain. Parties are poor but they send a pound. 2pp

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14	11 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda S. White, Glengarriffe, to Kirby: Personal letter thanking Kirby for generous gift for the poor and giving personal news. 3pp
15	11 January 1887	Holograph letter from Mary O'Connell, Longfield, Cashel, to Kirby: Recalling herself to Kirby, widow of 'Liberator's favourite nephew'. Asking Kirby to call Pope's attention to misfortunes of present Daniel O'Connell, now bankrupt. 4pp
16	11 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Bernard Finegan, Cavan, to Kirby: Writer asks for dispensing powers in fast and abstinence, as coming Lent will be his first as Bishop of Kilmore. 2pp
17	12 January 1887	Holograph letter from A.M. Bennett [], Hyeres, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
18	12 January 1887	Holograph letter from P.A. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Personal letter chiefly concerned with papal decorations. 4pp
19	14 January 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition to be forwarded. Asks for ideas of how to celebrate Pope's Jubilee. Encloses ten pounds for Kirby. 4pp
20	14 January 1887	Holograph letter from Coadjutor Bishop [elect], Rathfriland, to Kirby: Acknowledges Kirby's letter. Receipt of official notification of his appointment as Coadjutor Bishop of Dromore, an appointment which he ascribes to Kirby's recommendation. Continues with account of how the writer has followed Kirby's advice with the result that he is on good terms with every one of his priests. 2pp
21	14 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Edward Thomas [of Limerick], Limerick, to 'My dear James': Personal letter - though to be shown to Dr. Carr - commiserates with 'James' on failure in 'begging'. 2pp

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22	14 January 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Diocesan news. Dominican Sisters wish to re-elect Mother Columba as Prioress - encloses petition etc.. Slight earthquake. Explosion of dynamite off coast - blowing up an old hulk. Drought of past three years very hard on people. Sisters of St. Joseph still very trying. Any likelihood of Port Augusta being made into a See? This would greatly ease the work of the writer. 4pp
23	15 January 1887	Holograph letter from [Mrs.] R.E. White, 'Roche's Hotel', to Kirby: Letter concerns Fr. McGlynn's refusal to go to Rome to answer accusations that he is teaching anti-Church views on labour troubles. Public opinion in America, both Catholic and Protestant, will be against him. Writer encloses cutting from 'The Sun' of the previous December on Fr. McGlynn. [The writer of this letter is probably Rhoda White, sister of Dr. O'Reilly.] 2 items
24	15 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Wm. O'Callaghan, C.C., Tralee, to Kirby: Encloses letter and article regarding movement begun to prevent home and relics of O'Connell from passing into hands of strangers. Feels that Kirby's sanction would be a great help. 3pp
25	15 January 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Cobh, to Kirby: Writer sends draft of £640 for Peter's Pence. Asks Kirby to convey also the great loyalty of diocese of Cloyne and sympathy for sorrow of Pope regarding persecution of Church. 4pp
26	16 January 1887	Holograph letter from Bishop Elect Thomas McGivern, Rathfriland, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and, as suggested, has written another letter to the Cardinal [copies of both letters given]. Explains in detail why he did not hold missions in his parish. Much surprised that the fact was reported to Rome. Asks Kirby's advice 'in confidence' regarding some money he has. 4pp

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27	17 January 1887	Holograph letter from +John McEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Regarding arrears of rent on houses mentioned in Fr. Conway's Will. Having written to the Cardinal Prefect and settled the question of a fair, future rent, writer did not expect arrears to be mentioned. Gives details and asks Kirby to tell Cardinal that he will, of course, obey his instructions. 4pp
28	18 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. R.F. Conlan, 'Presbytery, Marlboro St.', to Kirby: Asks for papal blessing for child in very delicate health. 3pp
29	19 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Alex. Henry, St. Leonards-on-Sea, to Kirby: Encloses newspaper cutting regarding fire at a church, giving details, also account of local conditions - asks Kirby's help in building new church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, etc. No one knows that he is writing. 2pp
30	19 January 1887	Holograph letter from P.V. Dwyer, West Maitland, to Kirby: Personal letter from an ex-student. Diocesan news etc. Asks for renewal of 'the usual Propaganda faculties'. 8pp
31	20 January 1887	Holograph letter from P.V. Hickey, Rome, to Kirby: Personal - thanking for tickets - regretting inability to dine at College. 1p

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32	22 January 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding new method of making a collection suggested by Fr. Glynn, which the writer feels is a mistake. By common consent Bishops decided not to have a general collection on St. Patrick's Day or thereabouts, and now they will resent the course being taken as implying lack of goodwill and pressure from Holy See. Whole country dreadfully poor, people asking why build this new church at such a time - priests feel that it will not be a national church as it will be in the hands of Fr. Glynn's Order. Had suggestion for way out, but not feasible. Mentions new church at Maynooth, not opened though completed by builders five or six years ago - cost £20,000, and not possible to ask people for more. Wishes letter to be shown to Fr. Glynn. 4pp
33	22 January 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, to Kirby: Regarding difficulties over Royal University, with formerly two Bishops nominated to the Senate, it being understood that Bishops should be chosen by the Hierarchy and then 'nominated' by the Lord Lieutenant. Things did not work out like that. Finally, a place falling vacant, the Lord Lieutenant has nominated Bishop O'Dwyer of Limerick, not only the junior Bishop, but one who has often shown a marked disposition to act for himself. Matter extremely important, touching as it does on positions on Education Boards etc. Begs Kirby's help. [Letter marked 'Confidential', also 'Kindly destroy this when read'.] 4pp
34	22 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer is on his way to Rome. Will write again when able to give definite date of arrival 1p
35	22 January 1887	Holograph letter from William O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses three pounds for 47 Masses with detailed instructions. 4pp

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36	22 January 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer encloses two petitions for marriage dispensations. Mentions Lenten faculties and desire to appoint priest to parish about which he has received no reply from Propaganda. 3pp
37	22 January 1887	Holograph letter from Joseph Lavery, Belfast, to Kirby: Regarding money expected which has not yet been received - explains delay as estate is in Chancery, etc. [Note- Mr. Lavery borrowed ten pounds from Kirby when in desperate need, promising to repay when he came into possession of a hundred pounds from the estate.] 2pp
38	22 January 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby's advice about his position as shareholder in Company owning Catholic paper of which he is Editor - also position of priests likewise shareholders. All profits go to charitable purposes, but now fears he has broken Canon Law. Gives details. Diocesan news. 4pp
39	23 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Barton, Listowel, to Kirby: Enclosing recommendation from Bishop in order to obtain faculties for blessing beads. 3pp
40	24 January 1887	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer is pleased about erection of Church of St. Patrick in Rome and that Pope is taking so practical an interest in Fr. Glynn's undertaking. Collection from Ireland should be good, since although individuals can give little, the total from all will be large. 3pp
41	24 January 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Coadjutor, Waterford, to Kirby: At the request of the Bishop the writer acknowledges Kirby's letter and informs him that a collection for the new Church of St. Patrick in Rome will be held on 17 March. Encloses application for dispensation. 3pp

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42	24 January 1887	Holograph letter from Pauline Ch. Hehl, London, to Kirby: Informs Kirby that Fr. Porter left London 'last Thursday' and that, in only five days, the sum of £105 was collected for him. Writer hopes that Fr. Porter will be able to stand the heat of India. Personal news. [See KIR/1887/6] 4pp
43	25 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Francis Kelly, Derry, to Kirby: Writer will do what he can regarding collection for new church in Rome, but people very poor, suffering from bad harvest, high rents and taxes. 2pp
44	25 January 1887	Holograph letter from Mother Abbess, Skiddaway, to Kirby: Writer [Poor Clare Collettine] tells Kirby of her troubles and of dissensions among Benedictines - begs him to lay everything before the Pope and get his protection for her. 12pp
45	26 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Edmond Thomas, P.P., V.F., Athenry, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties for blessing beads. 1p
46	26 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Bernard Finegan, Cavan, to Kirby: Dates named by Pope for collection towards new church in Rome are those fixed 'for years' for Peter's Pence. Bishop is therefore compelled to postpone the new collection until May, when he will do what he can. 2pp
47	27 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Peter McIntyre, Charlottestown, to Kirby: Writer encloses application for title of Monsignor to be conferred on his V.G.. Asks for power of delegation of some faculties since he is now old and 'much broken in health'. A few days previously he sent \$200 towards expenses of Pope's Jubilee and now sends Peter's Pence \$462.12. 2pp

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48	27 January 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M.C. di Ricci, Invercargill, to Kirby: Sister [a niece of Kirby] gives convent news - she has been transferred from Dunedin on account of health - convent in debt - would Kirby send prizes for an 'Art-Union' to be held in this regard - oil paintings or anything he thinks would suit? Local news. 4pp
49	27 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. T. Gallery, Administrator, Newry, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation, letter and picture. 2pp
50	28 January 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Recommending the Viscontess Maidstone, shortly to visit Rome - gives some details concerning her - Dr. Murphy is laid up. 2pp
51	28 January 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer assures Kirby there is no difficulty regarding co-operating in the erection of St. Patrick's Church in Rome. People pleased to help. Gives news of diocese - general mission in all churches of city - happy termination of disunion among clergy. Seminary to be ready next May for 40 students - appointed as Rector a young priest educated in Rome though not at the Irish College - difficulty in renting suitable episcopal house so it has been arranged to have half new seminary as such. 4pp
52	29 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Peter McIntyre, Charlottetown, to Kirby: After sending his previous letter writer received further money for Peter's Pence, which he hastens to send. 1p
53	29 January 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonia Hanly, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding convent news etc. Encloses a pound for Masses for the success of their bazaar. 4pp

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54	29 January 1887	Holograph letter from M. de Sales Carrick, Sneem, to Kirby: Writer, who is Superioress of Presentation Convent, asks Kirby for financial help. Apparently hopes for a collection from various people as she asks Kirby to let her have the names or at least the number of those who contribute so that she may send an individual acknowledgement to each. 4pp
55	30 January 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: While any wishes of the Pope must be complied with, writer would like to say that 'Dr. Glynn has suggested to the Holy Father the most inopportune time for a money collection' for a new Irish church in Rome. This is as far as Tuam is concerned and this applies also, he thinks, to other dioceses. Resolution at general meeting in September that while support would be given as far as possible, a collection this year was 'not' possible, the people being on the verge of bankruptcy and suffering from greatest depression ever remembered. Gives details of other collections always made each year. 4pp
56	31 January 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Smith, P.P., Blacklion, to Kirby: Writer reminds Kirby that three or four weeks before, on the direction of his Bishop, he asked Kirby to obtain a dispensation in kindred, enclosing a pound and asking for the matter to be expedited. No reply has been received. Matter very urgent. [see KIR/1887/13] 2pp
57	31 January 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Delighted to help with new Irish church in Rome, but writer goes on to give details of terrible hardships being endured by Irish people, and all the other collections taken up. Will send their contribution 'in due time'. Thanks for dispensation granted. 6pp

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58	31 January 1887	Holograph letter from +A. Brownrigg, Kilkenny, to Kirby: While anything coming from the Pope will always have writer's 'most respectful attention and support', it is impossible for him to raise a collection this year for the proposed Irish church in Rome. Gives details of money needed to be raised in diocese this year and also points out that he is surrounded by thousands of poor people 'who don't know in the morning when they get up where they are going to get their breakfast'. Writer is sure that St. Patrick would not be pleased if he added more burdens. Later on he hopes to give his own contribution when the church is in course of erection. 4pp
59	31 January 1887	Holograph letter from + Edward Thomas, Bishop of Limerick, Limerick, to Kirby: Regarding proposed collection for Irish church in Rome, does not think it possible this year, which is a very bad one for the Irish people - if, however, the Pope does not wish it postponed, writer will do his best. Thanks for faculties. 4pp
60	31 January 1887	Holograph letter from + William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Regarding new Ross boundary - to some extent reassuring - writer thinks it necessary for Propaganda to issue special instruction for National Council. If necessary, writer is prepared to come to Rome in this connection. 3pp
61	31 January 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Cobh, to Kirby: Regarding proposed collection for church in Rome - while every wish of the Pope is equivalent to a command, writer would point out that the present year is a very unfavourable time for it. After a bad harvest many people are terribly poor - also 'it would give the Landlords a pretext, which they would be sure to use, for proclaiming that the farmers cannot be too badly off..' if they can afford to contribute. As church in Rome will not be begun for another year, writer asks for collection to be deferred. 6pp

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62	31 January 1887	Holograph letter from +Hugh Conway, Ballina, to Kirby: While writer is pleased to do everything in his power to obey the Pope, Fr. Glynn ought to recollect that this year is Jubilee year of the Pope and so bad time for raising a second collection. 2pp
63	1 February 1887	Holograph letter from Canon T. Brosnan, Caherciveen, to Kirby: Writer gives news of building of a new church - wishes to include a marble statue of Pope and asks advice of Kirby. 8pp
64	1 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. James O'Reilly, Derrylin, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation, also two pounds for 'any purpose' Kirby wishes. 2pp
65	1 February 1887	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahony, London, to Kirby: Marked 'Private' and 'Conscience matters', this is a very personal letter on spiritual matters. 10pp
66	1 February 1887	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Regarding proposed collection for Irish church in Rome, writer will do his best, but past year has been very bad in Ireland. 2pp
67	2 February 1887	Holograph letter from Margaret O'Connell, Longfield, to Kirby: Letter containing four pounds not received. Sum collected now stands 'with £99 of what is required. Writer hopes that the 'lamp in the Liberator's chapel may not be quenched by a bailiff's hand'. 4pp
68	3 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Deasy, Vice Rector, American College, Rome, to Kirby: Encloses 'offering' from Dr. O'Connell who is not in good health. 1p
69	3 February 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Evangelist Fallon, Kinsale, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for blessing - asks prayers for dying nun. 4pp

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70	4 February 1887	Holograph letter from Bernard O'Reilly, Glengarriff, to Kirby: Writer encloses copies of 'New York Sun' and gives news of sales of his book. 2pp
71	4 February 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Bishop has written to priests regarding collection for church in Rome - hopes prelates in Australia and America were approached, as money is far more plentiful in those countries than in Ireland, where depression is great. 2pp
72	4 February 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary J. Bernard Hackett, Waterford, to Kirby: Personal letter of convent news. 8pp
73	5 February 1887	Holograph letter from Canon Brosnan, Cahirciveen, to Kirby: Writer encloses 'a bit of Dublin granite' from church. Now decided better to have bust of Pope, not full length figure. Asks Kirby's advice and help. 2pp
74	6 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Smith, P.P., Blacklion, to Bishop Finegan: Regarding marriage dispensation applied for - writer thinks that Rome does not understand the circumstances - girl will 'have to emigrate to a foreign country' if dispensation is not granted. As Bishop is now in Rome, writer hopes that he will endeavour to get the dispensation as soon as possible, explaining that when writing to Kirby he enclosed a pound. 3pp
75	6 February 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby whether the rumour is true that there are to be portions of Cork, Kerry and Cloyne linked with Ross. It is causing some alarm. Some years back the proposal was made but was dropped because of the opposition of Dr. Delany. Gives reasons. 3pp
76	7 February 1887	Holograph letter from Patrick O'Neill, Rosstrevor, to Kirby: Local news - personal letter with a postscript 'All this is for yourself'. 6pp

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77	7 February 1887	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Writer will order a collection for new church in Rome, 'in obedience to the wish of the Holy Father', and will earnestly recommend it, but he does not expect a very good response since there is an extreme depression and scarcity of money in Ireland. 4pp
78	8 February 1887	Holograph letter from +James Moore, Ballarat, to Kirby: Introducing a Mr. Dynon, visiting Rome. 2pp
79	8 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Terence O'Reilly, Killeshandra, to Kirby: Writer asks advice as to procedure in laying his case before Propaganda. Gives detailed account of what happened to him in the West Indies and later, and of the treatment of him by the Abp. of Port of Spain. 3pp
80	9 February 1887	Holograph letter from +N. Donnelly [], Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing Gerald Fitzgerald, visiting Rome. 3pp
81	10 February 1887	Holograph letter from +Bernard Finegan, Genova, to Kirby: Writer is on way to Rome, but travelling slowly because of ill health. On arrival he will be seeking Kirby's advice. 3pp
82	12 February 1887	Holograph letter from Mary A. O'Connell, Longfield, to Kirby: Acknowledges letter with six pounds in notes. Then [apparently referring to letter sent previously with four pounds enclosed and not received. See KIR/1887/67], writer goes on to say that if Kirby has numbers of notes they can be stopped. Postmaster in Cashel cannot help, 'as there is no proof the letter ever reached Cashel'. 4pp
83	12 February 1887	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahoney, London, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. 4pp
84	12 February 1887	Holograph letter from Bishop Elect T. McGivern, Rathfriland, to Kirby: Regarding plans for writer's consecration and after. News of Bishop's health. 3pp

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85	12 February 1887	Holograph letter from +James Donnelly, Monaghan, to Kirby: Regarding collection for new Irish church in Rome. He explains why it is unwise to hold it on St. Patrick's Day and proposes to postpone it until the summer. 3pp
86	13 February 1887	Holograph letter from M. Andrea Serrani [], Rome, to Kirby: Writer invites Kirby in the name of the 'Confraternita dell'Amanti di Gesù e Maria' to give the Benediction on Tuesday, 22 February, at the Church of S. Lorenzo in Mirando at 5.30 p.m. [Italian] 1p
87	14 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Michael Killeen, P.P., Ennistymon, to Kirby: Regarding marriage dispensation for cousins. 4pp
88	14 February 1887	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Dr. Walsh and writer agree to collection for Irish church in Rome, though fear result will be like the 'widow's mite', because of the great depression. Regarding rules of Brigidine nuns. 4pp
89	14 February 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, St. Malachy's College, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to forward 'enclosed and ask a response'. 1p
90	15 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. P.A. Treacy, Burlington, to Kirby: Writer tells of desire from childhood to be a martyr - forced, through parents' dependence, to take a parish, but now free by reason of their deaths. Asks Kirby's prayers that his petition to be permitted to join Franciscans be granted. 4pp
91	15 February 1887	Holograph letter from Monica Dolphin, Loughrea, to Kirby: Encloses £4.17.6, on behalf of Mother Joseph Dolphin, for 78 Masses, giving details. 7pp

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92	15 February 1887	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Ballaghadereen, to Kirby: At meeting of 'prelates of this province' it was unanimously decided not possible to hold collection for Irish church in Rome this year - gives details - pleased to help 'at a more favourable time'- 3pp
93	15 February 1887	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Ballaghadereen, to Kirby: Writer asks for renewal of faculties of Formula VI. 1p
94	15 February 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer is glad that a collection for the Irish church in Rome is now not necessary this year. There was a 'good deal of soreness' felt at way intervention of Pope was secured to hurry on the date of the collection. Gives details regarding negotiations with Sir Michael Hicks Beach and how writer's faith in Chief Secretary 'is somewhat shaken'. Gives reasons. 4pp
95	16 February 1887	Holograph letter from Suar M. Vincenza [Farale], [Pis Casa], to Kirby: Informing Kirby that a young girl wishes to be confirmed the following morning at 9.30 a.m. If he is not able to do this will he please make arrangements for someone else. 1p
96	16 February 1887	Holograph letter from +William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Regarding proposed changes in boundaries of dioceses. Promises collection on St. Patrick's Day for Irish church in Rome. 3pp
97	16 February 1887	Holograph letter from Daniel O'Connell, Waterville, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter and enclosures of money - asks Pope's blessing. 2pp

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98	17 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Humphrey O'Riordan, C.C., Waterville, to Kirby: Thanks for interest in O'Connell Fund which is doing well, despite 'much opposition sometimes from quarters where it might naturally be least expected'. 4pp
99	17 February 1887	Holograph letter from H. O'Callaghan, [English College], to Kirby: Writer is notified by London that his cheque for two pounds was presented some days before Kirby told him to stop payment. 'Perhaps it would be well to make further investigation'. 1p
100	17 February 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Emmanuel for Abbess, Skiddaway, to Kirby: More information regarding troubles of Poor Clares Colletines and stand taken by Bishop. Two sent to Rome to speak to Kirby personally and tell him all the details. 9pp.
101	17 February 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Haughton. 2pp
102	17 February 1887	Holograph letter from Denis F. O'Horan, St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, to Kirby: Introduces family from Australia. 3pp
103	18 February 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter regarding collection for Irish church in Rome. Feels Dr. MacCormack is the only one for the 'difficult diocese of Galway', hardest to manage in all Ireland. Also encloses a note regarding election of Dr. Power as Vicar Capitular. He received 18 votes out of 23. 4pp
104	18 February 1887	Holograph letter from Elizabeth M. Fleury, Rome, to Kirby: Writer asks for Audience with Pope. 4pp

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105	18 February 1887	Holograph letter from Angelo Can. Perist. Della Cioppa, Rettore del Sem. di Capua, Capua, to Kirby: Regarding Jubilee of Leo XIII. [Italian] 2pp
106	19 February 1887	Holograph card from M. Assunta di Briganza [], [Rome], to Kirby: Letter of thanks. [Italian] 2pp
107	19 February 1887	Holograph letter from W. Lockhart, Paris, to Kirby: Recommending Kathleen O'Meara. 1p
108	20 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Derry, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for prize for bazaar from Pope. Local news. Interest regarding German elections. Thinks his Bishop intends holding the collection for the Irish church in Rome on St. Patrick's Day. 4pp
109	20 February 1887	Holograph letter from +W.B. Ullathorne, Birmingham [Oscott], to Kirby: Introducing Kathleen O'Meara, author of 'Life of Bishop Grant, Bells of the Sanctuary'. Owing to ill health writer has not been able to visit Rome since the Vatican Council, and is obliged to leave much of the active work of the Diocese to his Auxiliary. 3pp
110	20 February 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. de Sales Kepple, Killarney, to Kirby: Personal - convent news. 8pp
111	21 February 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding collection for Irish church in Rome - some time this year or at latest St. Patrick's Day 1888 - encloses copy of Pastoral - explains difficulty in having collection this year. 2pp
112	21 February 1887	Holograph letter from 'Henry E. Cardinal Archbishop' [Manning], Westminster, to Kirby: Regarding Kirby's letter in papers - writer's own love of Ireland - asks for a few words which he 'may use here and there'. 2pp

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113	22 February 1887	Holograph letter from '+E.T.' [Dr. O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses information and 'two other similar applications'. Will write 'tomorrow' on subject of Kirby's confidential communication. 2pp
114	22 February 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. William Nevill, P.P., Rossmuck, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation in affinity. 2pp
115	23 February 1887	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Decision of Irish Bishops not to make collection for church in Rome this year. Encloses 'personal subscription' of ten pounds. Asks advice on suitable contribution to Jubilee Vatican Exhibition. 3pp
116	24 February 1887	Holograph letter from J. Cashel Hoey, London, to Kirby: Recommending friends visiting Rome. 3pp
117	25 February 1887	Holograph letter from +N. Donnelly, Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing a Miss Quinn, visiting Rome. 3pp
118	25 February 1887	Holograph letter from Abbess, Skiddaway, to Kirby: Convent news. Poor Clares Colletines. 10pp
119	26 February 1887	Holograph letter from Mary Catherine Maher, Carlow, to Kirby: Asks Pope's blessing for 50th anniversary of foundation of convent of Our Lady of Mercy, on 11th April. 3pp
120	28 February 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer sends Kirby two copies of his Lenten Pastoral setting forth, among other things, claims in regard to Education. Confidential communication with Government 'going on most amicably'. Details regarding concessions. Scheme being framed for establishment of Catholic college. All this is strictly confidential. 4pp

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121	2 March 1887	Holograph letter from Joseph A. Oliver, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
122	3 March 1887	Holograph letter from +I. Rogers, Chatham [Canada], to Kirby: Encloses letter for Fr. Glynn with ten pounds towards new Irish church in Rome. Happy recollections of Rome. 4pp
123	3 March 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Introducing two friends visiting Rome. 1p
124	3 March 1887	Holograph letter from +A. Higgins, Killarney, to Kirby: Encloses two applications for dispensation, both urgent, also ten pounds for Kirby. 1p
125	4 March 1887	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Scherder, Cornwall, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to check up as to whether Mgr. Carli is ill, as writer has not heard from him for so long. 1p
126	4 March 1887	Holograph letter from Edward W. Byrne, Balmain, New South Wales, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges certificates of enrolment of self and two sisters in Pious Union of Our Lady of Good Counsel and 3 pictures. Diocesan news. 4pp
127	5 March 1887	Holograph letter from J.H. Thompson, M.D., Rome, to Kirby: Certificate that Bishop Carr should not fast, as it would do him bodily harm. 1p
128	6 March 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Cobh, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation from Canon Fitzpatrick, V.F., who is nearly blind. 2pp

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129	6 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Matthew Joseph Lynch, Rothesay, Bute, to Kirby: Writer asks advice of Kirby, giving details pf priestly life and lies spread about him which his Bishop, Dr. Ryan of Killaloe, believed. Recently working for Bishop of Argyle and the Isles, but this engagement will come to an end next July, since the Bishops of England and Scotland have now sufficient priests of their own. May the writer appeal to Rome against Dr. Ryan, as from July he will have no mission and nowhere to go. 4pp
130	7 March 1887	Holograph letter from Isabella Lane Conolly, Rome, to Kirby: Writer asks whether it is possible for a friend of hers to have a private chapel in the house - gives reasons. 3pp
131	7 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Smith, P.P., Blacklion, to Kirby: Writer tells Kirby that more than four weeks previously he sent a letter through Kirby to writer's Bishop, Dr. Finegan, regarding application for marriage dispensation. No reply has been received, and the matter is now urgent - gives reasons. 3pp.
132	7 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Coffey, P.P., Tralee, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation, asking Kirby to expedite it, as the case is urgent. 1p
133	7 March 1887	Holograph letter from Valerie, Contessa Stainlein, Liege, to Kirby: Personal letter. 6pp
134	7 March 1887	Holograph letter from 'Henry E. Cardinal Archbishop' [Manning], Westminster, to Kirby: Introduces a Mr. Bodley, who wants to know about Ireland, as he lives 'in the midst of politics and of society' and his sympathies are with the Irish people. 2pp

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135	8 March 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. E. Power, P.P., V.C., Lisdoonvarna, to Kirby: In accordance with instructions sent by Kirby to Fr. Newell regarding enclosed application for a dispensation, writer encloses information desired and begs Kirby 'to present the petition at the proper quarter'. 2pp
136	8 March 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses two pounds for 32 Masses, giving detailed instructions. 5pp
137	9 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Smith, P.P., Blacklion, to Kirby: Writer thanks for dispensation received and asks Kirby to ignore letter written two days before regarding it. 2pp
138	9 March 1887	Holograph letter from '+E.T.' [Bishop O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter but, after careful consideration, regrets he cannot follow course suggested and gives reasons. Dr. Walsh should be their representative, and writer has no doubt that Government would gladly appoint him. Feels principles are being abandoned that were tradition of predecessors and that people are being allowed to follow methods of violence. [Apparently the Bishop of Limerick has some official position regarding Education, as he mentions twice that he would 'gladly' hand in his resignation.] 12pp
139	9 March 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer encloses cutting from 'Freeman's Journal' containing a letter from Dr. Croke of Cashel. News and views regarding Irish affairs. Writer would 'not think of writing such a letter' as Kirby suggests. Begs him to tell the Pope not to believe anything he hears regarding Ireland until Bishops of Ireland have an opportunity of 'showing whether it is true or false'. 2 items

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140	10 March 1887	Holograph letter from 'Henry E. Cardinal Archbishop' [Manning], Westminster, to Kirby: Begs Kirby to take enclosed to the Pope, 'which we ought to take as a true disclaimer of ill intent. It is blowing over here, but I am afraid of whisperers in Rome'. 1p
141	10 March 1887	Holograph letter from +James Ryan, Killaloe, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for seven pounds, 'the usual mite'. Asks for various dispensations concerning convent and marriage. 1p
142	10 March 1887	Holograph letter from +Hugh Conway, Ballina, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. Hale, visiting Rome. 2pp
143	10 March 1887	Holograph letter from Mary Teresa Lowry, Poor Clare, Kenmare, to Kirby: Personal letter - asks various favours. 4pp
144	11 March 1887	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Sclerder, Cornwall, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude to Kirby for so promptly sending the information regarding Mgr. Carli. 1p
145	11 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antoninus Henley, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter - asking also for Papal Blessing on scroll. 8pp
146	12 March 1887	Holograph letter from M. Gertrude, Presentation Convent, Listowel, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks. 4pp
147	12 March 1887	Holograph letter from Henry Barter, Rome, to Kirby: Visiting Rome, wishes Audience, encloses recommendation from a friend. [See KIR/1887/116] 3pp
148	13 March 1887	Holograph letter from G. Conrado, Propaganda, to Kirby: On behalf of the Cardinal Prefect writer invites Kirby to dinner on Tuesday, 15th instant, at the Collegio Urbano. [Italian] 1p

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149	13 March 1887	Holograph letter from +William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Asking permission for Sisters of Mercy to keep the Blessed Sacrament in their chapel. 3pp
150	13 March 1887	Holograph letter from +E.T. [Dr. O'Dwyer], to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensations and points out that his previous letter was entirely confidential. 4pp
151	14 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Malachy Duffy, Dundalk, to Kirby: News of convent of Our Lady of Mercy and country. 4pp
152	14 March 1887	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahony, Arezzo, to Kirby: Purely personal letter. 4pp
153	14 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. James Bovenizer, Trowbridge, Wilts., to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter. They will address themselves to Dr. Clifford, as advised - asks Kirby to mention their desire informally to the Pope, who will thus 'be prepared for Dr. Clifford's application'. [This letter is signed 'on behalf of the congregation', but there seems to be no indication as to whether the word applies to the people of a parish or to members of an Order.] 2pp
154	15 March 1887	Holograph letter from Silvia Piacentini, Rome, to Kirby: Writer has wished for a long time to write to Kirby, but her health has prevented it. Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
155	16 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph, Longford, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter and pictures. Gives news of Our Lady of Mercy convent. Also [on same sheet of paper] letter from his 'loving niece Katie, about to make her First Communion. 4pp
156	17 March 1887	Holograph letter from William F. Stafford, Florida, to Kirby: Congratulations on Kirby being made a Cardinal. 2pp

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157	17 March 1887	Holograph letter from +Daniel McGettigan, Armagh, to Archdeacon Murphy: Blessing and approval regarding the building of a memorial church at Drogheda in honour of Oliver Plunkett. [This letter is written on the printed form issued by Archdeacon Murphy, P.P., with tickets for the forthcoming bazaar being held to raise funds for the completion of the said memorial church.] 3pp
158	18 March 1887	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Sclerder, Cornwall, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks. 2pp
159	19 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Robert Burke, Administrator, Liscannor, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation, which is urgent. 2pp
160	19 March 1887	Holograph letter from Fannie K. Olcott, [Montclair], to Kirby: Personal letter from niece chiefly regarding newly born baby. 10pp
161	19 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Emmanuel for Mother Abbess, Savannah, to Kirby: Enclosing full account of 'everything connected with present subject', i.e. history of foundation of House in Savannah [Poor Clare Colletines], and all their difficulties and troubles. 27pp
162	22 March 1887	Holograph letter from C. Williams Owen, London, to Kirby: Writer seeks Kirby's help for friend anxious to teach English in Italy. 2pp
163	22 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick J. Glynn, O.S.A., Rome, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for forwarding donation for new Irish church in Rome from Bishop of Chatham [Canada] and gives list of contributions. 2pp
164	22 March 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Introducing friend who is visiting Rome. 1p

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165	20 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Patricia, Presentation Convent, Cork, to Kirby: Introducing 'dear friends', Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGinness and Miss Mary Dynon, who are visiting Rome. 1p
166	23 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Patrick [Presentation Convent], Cork, to Kirby: Advising of friends about to visit Rome [See KIR/1887/165] and asking Kirby to obtain an Audience. 3pp
167	23 March 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer encloses urgent petitions for Propaganda. Gives diocesan news. 2pp
168	23 March 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer gives news of breakdown in health of Sir M.H. Beach, from whom he has received 'a very beautiful letter'. Beach is threatened with blindness. This gives them a new Chief Secretary, a Mr. Balfour, nephew of Lord Salisbury. Informs Kirby of position of Education question, impressing on him how confidential it all is and how essential it is that the Protestants do not get to hear of it. 4pp
169	23 March 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer deals with proposed new Dominican convent in his Archdiocese, and difficulties concerning the would-be Superior, Mother Gabriel, who 'has proved herself so far to be a very troublesome person'. This nun comes from Dunedin, New Zealand, and while her Bishop 'no doubt would be very anxious to see a novitiate established for his mission' in Ireland, he has written to say that 'he cannot put any charge for it on his diocese, or on any diocesan institution. Personally he will give what he can to it'. Writer feels that this is an impossible position and has explained his own point of view many times to Mother Gabriel, telling her that she must get a formal statement from her Bishop 'setting forth the provision to be made for the maintenance of her house', and later that it will be necessary to have the approval of Propaganda. 4pp

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170	24 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Drumcondra, to Kirby: Regarding proposed new novitiate in Ireland [see KIR/1887/169] and enclosing copies of and excerpts from letters of Cardinal Moran and Archbishop Walsh, together with printed Letters of Authorization from the Pope and Kirby himself. Asks Kirby's help. 3 items.
171	24 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. McDevitt, All Hallows, Dublin, to Kirby: Recommends most warmly an Australian living in London, a non-Catholic, who is visiting Rome with his wife. 3pp
172	25 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Emmanuel for Abbess, Savannah, to Kirby: Writer tells of further troubles of the Poor Clares Colletines. Mother Abbess was called to the Bishop's house and although not yet recovered from her fall, she went, obediently, only to be told 'angrily' several times that she must leave the diocese at once. 4pp
173	25 March 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Recommending Protestant professor of Cambridge, Dr. Macalister, who is to visit Rome. He was well known to the writer when at Trinity College, Dublin and is well disposed towards Catholics. 4pp
174	26 March 1887	Holograph letter from Aug. Della Cioppa, Capua, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby for the amount of 'our seminary's' donation, as this has not been stated so far in the list reported in the 'Osservatore Romano'. [Italian] 2pp
175	26 March 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Emmanuel for Abbess, Savannah, to Kirby: Letter relating further troubles of Poor Clares Colettines, and how their chaplain, Fr. Melchior, does not think the Bishop has the power to move the Abbess. 8pp
176	26 March 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Robert Browne, Maynooth, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby how best St. Patrick's College could celebrate Pope's Jubilee. 3pp

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177	26 March 1887	Holograph letter from B. McMahon, Sixmilecross, to Kirby: Reports a pleasant journey on the 21st as, since his arrival, his health has been improving rapidly, writer thinks that in a short while he will be able to resume his studies 'with renewed vigour'. 1p
178	28 March 1887	Holograph letter from D.B. Dunne, Dublin, to Kirby: Warm letter of recommendation of Dr. Alexander Macalister [see KIR/1887/173], a particular friend of the writer's. 2pp
179	28 March 1887	Holograph letter from Mary F. Kirby, Stonington, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
180	29 March 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his goodness - rest of letter concerned with Constitutions of Order of nuns and decrees of Propaganda. 2pp
181	30 March 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Collection for Irish church in Rome progressing and draft will be sent in due course. It is, however, a year of unexampled depression in Ireland. 1p
182	a 31 March 1887	Holograph letter from Michael Verdon, Naples, to Kirby: Papal audience for Miss [Seagreave] of Co. Wicklow. 2pp
182	30 March 1887	Holograph letter from Mary of the Nativity, Nazareth House, London, to Kirby: Writer hopes to be in Rome after Low Sunday, to obtain final approbation of Rule - perhaps Kirby would speak to Pope in their favour. 4pp
183	1 April 1887	Holograph letter from Hofferma, Vaud., to Kirby: Personal letter giving family news. 3pp
184	1 April 1887	Holograph letter from Lizzie Brennan, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 2pp

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185	1 April 1887	Holograph letter from +Daniel McGettigan, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for wire and letter. 'Dr. Logue will be at home in Armagh.' Wishes to give him the parish of Dundalk for his support. Formula Sexta requires renewal. Sends small gift for Kirby. 4pp
186	2 April 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M.A. Hanley, Dublin, to Kirby: Chiefly concerns coming bazaar and tickets for it, also news of their school at the Dominican Convent and the success they are having. 8pp
187	3 April 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel [Dominican], Drumcondra, to Kirby: Writer sends good news regarding new convent to be opened. 6pp
188	2 April 1887	Holograph letter from +J. Power, Waterford, to Kirby: Writer encloses collection for Irish church in Rome, and also a letter to Pope regarding bestowing parish on Coadjutor Bishop. 1p
189	4 April 1887	Holograph letter from Miss Creeth, Rome, to Kirby: Letter in third person regarding possibility of inclusion in papal reception. 2pp
190	4 April 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Agnes, Dunedin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his generosity in sending ten pounds in aid of their Missionary House. Asks advice regarding Miss Owens, alias Sr. Alphonsus, the nun who left the convent some time back. They have been told that should she apply for a pension to Dunedin Dominicans they may be compelled by Rome to give it. 3pp
190 a	4 April 1887	Holograph letter from Michael Verdon, Naples, to Kirby: Own health, Irish College affairs, Miss Seagreave and her connections. 3pp

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191	5 April 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W. Lockhart, London, to Kirby: Recalls to Kirby's memory Sisters of Nazareth now going to Rome. 1p
192	5 April 1887	Holograph letter from Ann Carroll, Ontario, to Kirby: Personal letter from a cousin, giving family news. 4pp
193	6 April 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer encloses cutting of Parnell's speech on Coercion Act. Also copy of 'The Freeman's Journal' with report of interview given by the Archbishop to Mr. Steed, Editor of 'Pall Mall Gazette', with further details concerning both. Also a cutting from an American paper of letter from a Catholic priest in connection with the recent death of a Protestant minister from whom he said, he had learned much. [A handwritten note on the back of this cutting says. 'This letter of Dr. McGlynn to Plymouth Church has the general disapproval of Catholics here. Surely he ought to retire.'] 3 items
194	6 April 1887	Holograph letter from +J. Colgan, Archbishop of Madras, Madras, to Kirby: Writer sends copy of letter he wrote to Propaganda regarding recent decrees and their effect on Archdiocese of Madras. Archdiocesan news. 4pp
195	7 April 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Encloses draft for five hundred pounds, contribution towards proposed Irish church in Rome. 2pp
196	9 April 1887	Holograph letter from Michael Verdon, Sorento to Kirby: Death of [Heaney], Irish College affairs - recreation programme. Verdon's position at the College and disagreements between him and Kirby. 4pp
197	12 April 1887	Holograph letter from M. Antonia Prieria, [Mon. Di S. Giuevme] to Kirby: Requesting help. [Italian] 2pp

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198	12 April 1887	Holograph letter from S. M. Antonina, Dublin, to Kirby: Holy card acknowledging letter and enclosure. 2pp
199	12 April 1887	Holograph letter from Enrico Gauldi, Propaganda, to Kirby: Regarding Irish affairs. Bishops Woodlock and Logue. [Italian] 1p
200	13 April 1887	Holograph letter from James J. Moriarty, Syracuse, to Kirby: Bishop-Elect Ludden is removing the writer to another parish, Utica. Reports how news has been received. Gives high praise to Cardinal Gibbons. 1p
201	13 April 1887	Holograph letter from Alex Macalister, Rome, to Kirby: Recalled suddenly to England - writes to thank Kirby for kindness, and offers to entertain any friends of Kirby's who may be visiting Cambridge. 2pp
202	13 April 1887	Holograph letter from Dr. J.H. Thompson, Rome, to Kirby: Doctor's Certificate for L. Ryan. 1p
203	14 April 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonina, Dominican Convent, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks for letter with further enclosure for tickets - greetings. 4pp
204	15 April 1887	Holograph letter from +Peter McIntyre, Charlottetown, Canada, to Kirby: Encloses \$269.18 for Irish church in Rome. Asks Kirby to deliver it direct to Cardinal Simeoni, personally, and to draw his attention to request for 'Monsignore' on behalf of his V.G. 2pp
205	15 April 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W. Walsh, O.S.A., Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding contributions for Irish church in Rome. 4pp

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206	16 April 1887	Holograph letter from +Bernard Finegan, Cavan, to Kirby: Acknowledges faculties for Fr. Brady. Writer must be content 'to remain an invalid for a few months'. Country quiet, apart from a few counties. Encloses 'small gift' for Kirby. 2pp
207	16 April 1887	Holograph letter in French from Bishop of Fréjus et Toulon, Fréjus, to Kirby: Recommending Mrs. Letchworth, who wishes to be permitted to have a private chapel. Gives an excellent account of her. 2pp
208	18 April 1887	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Ballaghaderreen, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and telegram. Had no wish to exchange Sees, but God knows what is best. Encloses draft for ten pounds for Kirby. 3pp
209	18 April 1887	Holograph letter from Elma Mary Letchworth, Hyeres, to Mrs. Conolly: Writer has received a letter from 'the Bishop' [see KIR/1887/207] enclosing one for Kirby. She is troubled because she wants permission to have a private chapel anywhere they may be, as her husband's health necessitates frequent change, and fears permission may be given for two dioceses only. Asks Mrs. Conolly to speak to Kirby. 4pp
210	20 April 1887	Holograph letter from Enrico Gualdi, Propaganda, to Kirby: Regarding affairs of Monsignor Carr - Monsignor Higgins and, in a postscript, Monsignor Moran of Dunedin. [Italian] 3pp
211	20 April 1887	Holograph letter from J.M. Catherine Maher, Carlow, to Kirby: Thanks from Convent of Our Lady of Mercy for Papal Blessing for Golden Jubilee. 4pp
212	21 April 1887	Holograph letter from Annie Mary Unthank, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer wishes to send personal gift of fifty pounds to the Pope - how can she do this? 3pp

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213	22 April 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Pleasure at appointment of Dr. MacCormack to Galway. Things in Ireland gloomy. Jubilee of Pope and bishops' decision to take joint action. 2pp
214	22 April 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Encloses ten pounds for Kirby with Easter greetings. Thanks for decrees and requests a further one. Hopes to have over two hundred pounds for Pope's Jubilee, and is getting white poplin made for His Holiness's robes on the day. 2pp
215	22 April 1887	Holograph letter from +Thomas Nulty, Navan, to Kirby: Apologies for silence. Recalls last visit to Rome and Kirby's help when anti-Catholic press was attacking writer as being a traitor to his religion and a rebel to Pope. Explains his position - goes on to give detailed account of change of views over Home Rule. Terrible poverty in Ireland. Diocesan news. 4pp
216	22 April 1887	Holograph letter from, Enrico Gualdi, Propaganda to Kirby: Irish and Australian affairs mentioning Bishop Carr. [Italian] 1p
217	c.25 April 1887 undated	Holograph letter from +William Lanigan, Goulburn, to Kirby: Writer requests renewal of faculties and asking also for various other faculties. Renewed on 8th January 1882. 3pp
218	25 April 1887	Holograph letter from Catherine Quinn, Clonmel, to Kirby: Asks help for a 'Fancy Fair' to be held for Church funds. 2pp
219	27 April 1887	Holograph letter from, Monica Dolphin, Loughrea to Kirby: Encloses £4.8.9. for Masses as indicated. 3pp

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220	28 April 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses draft of seven hundred pounds, including twenty-one pounds from writer, for new Irish church in Rome from Diocese of Down and Connor. Requests permission to say Requiem Mass for deceased bishops and priests on Friday of their Retreat - sometimes awkward, as feasts of St. Anne and St. James often fall during week in question. 4pp
221	1 May 1887	Holograph letter from Giovanni Bosco, Rome, to Kirby: Having arrived in Rome hopes to see him soon. May Mary guide him. [Italian] 1p
222	1 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. McDevitt, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks for painting of Madonna and Child. Hopes to send first volume of his 'Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures' which, being in English, should be valuable to 'English-speaking millions on the Foreign Missions'. 4pp
223	3 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John O'Donovan, Rome, to Kirby: Encloses Bishop's letter and statement of account, as 'some data to gain' the Audience he desires. 2pp
224	3 May 1887	Holograph letter from Patrick J. Donnelly, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses copies of compilation he has made of records regarding Old St. Mary's Abbey, Dublin. Would like Kirby to accept one, another to go to Vatican Library and, possibly, the Pope's attention might be drawn to it. 2pp
225	3 May 1887	Holograph letter [incomplete, last page missing and, therefore, no signature, but almost certainly from Sr. M. de P. O'Connell, Thurles], to Kirby: Asks 'certain privileges and blessings' from Pope for their Centenary - gives account of foundation and the licence they still hold from Protestant Archbishop to foundress, giving her permission to teach 'Papists'. 4pp

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226	3 May 1887	Holograph letter from Annie Mary Unthank, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks for letter and picture. Encloses cheque 'double amount' stated in previous letter as personal gift for Pope, asking Kirby to present it. 2pp
227	4 May 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas McNamara, Irish College, Paris, to Kirby: Regarding bad times of O'Connell family and possible loss of 'Liberator's house' - a movement on foot in England, with Duke of Norfolk chairman of Committee. Asks Kirby to obtain blessing of Pope and perhaps a contribution - Cardinal Manning has sent money and has undertaken to receive contributions of others - praises present Daniel O'Connell and wife. 3pp
228	4 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Bernard, Limerick, to Kirby: Regarding Golden Jubilee of Presentation Convent, Limerick, to be celebrated on 8 May. 4pp
229	5 May 1889	Holograph letter from Sac. Franco Dalmazzo, Rome, to Kirby: Invitation to Kirby from Don Bosco. [Italian] 1p
230	6 May 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Writer encloses draft for £40, another instalment for Irish church in Rome. To date money for Pope's Jubilee is £18.19.0. Presumes it will be much more during year. Printed list of contributions from parishes. 3pp
231	6 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Naples, to Kirby: Thanks for book. Writer and Fr. Stephens leave for their 'distant home' the following day. Gratitude to Kirby for everything. 2pp
232	6 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Agostino Richelomy of Ivrea, Ivrea, to Kirby: Personal letter in reply to one of Kirby's. [Italian] 2pp

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233	7 May 1887	Holograph letter from A.M. Drinkwater, Anzio, to Kirby: Personal. 3pp
234	9 May 1887	Holograph letter from Catherine Quinn, Clonmel, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for his help regarding Fancy Fair for church funds - tells him how church obtains the altar. 4pp
235	10 May 1887	Holograph letter from Mgr. George Dillon, Genazzano, to Kirby: Regarding writer's obedience to Kirby, who is his director, and the advice he sometimes gets from unauthorized sources 'including women'. Personal news regarding possible annuity - persecution felt by him - wishes to obtain an apartment in Rome, 'one of five or six rooms', preferably in the neighbourhood of Kirby himself. 4pp
236	10 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W. Walsh, O.S. A., Dublin, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude for prize received for bazaar. 3pp
237	10 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary of St. Agnes, Drumshambo, to Kirby: Sending copies of documents - asks details of ritual regarding renewal of Sacred Host [for Perpetual Adoration] on Thursdays - describes scene in chapel. 4pp

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238	10 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, Brisbane, to Kirby: Regarding a nun of the diocese who wishes to be released from her vows of poverty and obedience, authorization for so releasing her having been received from Rome through Kirby. Writer gives copy of letter he wrote to her, omitting the Sister's name and tells Kirby of her reply - full of invective and many threats. Then writer gives copy of his reply and then, he says, there has been silence - no reply of any kind having been received from her. Writer says he has not given his opinion as to the merits of demerits of the case. In fact, he has not been asked his opinion and has not, indeed, 'been noticed at all, no more than if the matter was taking place in some diocese a thousand miles away'. He then asks Kirby again, having asked 'some couple of years ago', whether the Irish College would take a couple of his students. 2pp
239	10 May 1887	Telegram from Tubbercurry, to Kirby: Telegram reads 'Yes. Bishop McCormack'. 1p
240	11 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for sending copy of the late Cardinal Patrizzi's Decree of Approbation of the 'Figlie della Divina Provvidenza'. News of Diocese. Regarding permission needed for Bishop to leave diocese for some days in order to visit Irish College, Paris - is it certain National Synod will be held this year, or ever? Archbishop of Cashel seems to doubt it. Enclosing copy of his approbation of constitutions for nuns of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. 2 items.
241	11 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Daniel Murphy, Hobart, to Kirby: Asking Kirby's kindness for Archdeacon Hogan on his visit to Rome. 3pp
242	12 May 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Giving details of collections for Jubilee and for new Irish church in Rome. 1p

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243	12 May 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Mahony, Toronto, to Kirby: Encloses offering for Franciscan Convent in Via Alfieri, Rome. Mentions rumours of negotiations between Pope and Italian Government - 'extraordinary' change of feeling towards Pope on part of Protestants, giving reasons. 4pp
244	13 May 1887	Holograph letter from Michael I. Langley [from Clonfert], New York, to Kirby: Asking for return of letters from Maynooth sent to Cardinal Simeoni, which he wants returned as he has 'no commendatory letter whatever either for Church or State'. Is 'badly treated' - no money - what is he to do? Relies of Kirby's help, having already stated his case to him. 2pp
245	14 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: News of parish. Enlargement of church. End of proselytizing. Asks for prize from Pope for bazaar. 4pp
246	15 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, 'Missionary Novitiate', to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for writing to archbishop on her behalf. Feels he is well disposed, but Canons fear new foundation may become an embarrassment to Diocese. Is sure God will crown efforts with success. Kirby's generous donation a great help.
247	15 May 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges letter from Kirby, with dispensation for new Cabra Convent, Goodwood. 'We are celebrating the Jubilee year of this Colony and that of the Queen.' Details. Would like the Pope to give 'a little gift' for the forthcoming monster bazaar. Asks also for Pope's blessing on their work. They are 'now suffering from a visit of the unfortunate Edith O'Gorman, "the Escaped Nun" from Yankeedom'. 4pp
248	16 May 1887	Holograph letter from +E.T. [Bishop O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses petition for a dispensation. Seeks advice from Propaganda regarding dispensation granted by a parish priest. Regarding Standing Committee of Bishops. 4pp

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249	16 May 1887	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahony, Casentino, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
250	16 May 1887	Holograph letter from Isabella Lane Conolly, Albano Laziale, to Kirby: Regarding Mrs. Letchworth who has applied for permission to have Mass said in her house. Would Kirby be so good as to interest himself in the matter so that it may be expedited. 3pp
251	17 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sir P. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Personal letter of family and London news. [The second page of this letter is missing, but it is definitely from Sir. P. Jennings.] 4pp
252	17 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Peter Hill [], Bandon, to Kirby: Asks blessing and prize from Pope for his 'Grand Drawing to pay off a large debt on the Sacred Heart Church, Courtmacsherry'. 2pp
253	18 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Fedele Massini, Foligno, to Kirby: Thanks from writer and community for Kirby's charity. [Italian] 2pp
254	18 May 1887	Holograph letter from Annie Mary Unthank, Dublin, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude. 2pp
255	18 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonina Hanley, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanking Kirby for his 'precious gift' - asks for large photograph of Kirby. 4pp
256	18 May 1887	Holograph letter from Mons. George Dillon, Genazzano, to Kirby: Writer is sorry that for health reasons it is impossible for him to live in that part of Rome where the Salesians are, though he is willing to hear confessions in English and French to help out - somewhat rambling account of his willingness to help. 4pp

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257	18 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Encloses memorandum of meeting of Episcopal Standing Committee regarding Jubilee offering to Pope. 2pp
258	19 May 1887 'Ascension Thursday'	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: 'It is absolutely essential I should have 'on Monday' and 'as early as possible', a full and flat contradiction of the enclosed. Kindly 'telegraph' to me. First make inquiries of all priests in the College.' [Enclosure not extant.] 1p
259	20 May 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses four pounds for 60 Masses to be said as indicated. 1p
260	21 May 1887	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Ballaghadereen, to Kirby: Regarding transfer from Achonry to Galway, writer asks for faculties for new diocese - queries title, which seems to be different from predecessor. 4pp
261	22 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonio Madden, Clonakilty, to Kirby: Asks for relic of Holy Cross. 3pp
262	22 May 1887	Holograph letter from Mary Power Lalor, Dublin, to Kirby: Bishops of Ireland have decided to give the Pope gifts of Irish lace, and wish to know the width and length the lace should be. 2pp
263	24 May 1887	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Ballaghadereen, to Kirby: Asks faculties for V.C. of Achonry - encloses draft for Peter's Pence and Jubilee fund from Achonry. 3pp
264	24 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary of St. Agnes, Drumshambo, to Kirby: First page only of letter regarding Exposition in convent chapel and ceremonial in connection with it. [Although signature is missing this letter is certainly from Sr. Mary of St. Agnes.] 2pp

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265	25 May 1887	Holograph letter from Miss O'Grady, London, to Kirby: Letter in third person asking Kirby to check on one sent by the writer to the Pope, enclosing letter from Cardinal Manning, about three weeks previously. 4pp
266	25 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Encloses copy of circular for bishops regarding papal Jubilee and also patterns of white tabinet for papal robes to be made of Irish poplin, asking that best be selected, also the amount needed be told - how can the material be sent without paying duty. Various queries regarding diocesan affairs. 2pp
267	25 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Francis MacMahon, Roscrea, to Kirby: Personal note of good wishes for anniversary of Kirby's consecration. 2pp
268	26 May 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Edward McGennis, P.P., V.F., Belturbet, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation in very urgent case. 2pp
269	26 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph Howley, Longford, to Kirby: Thanks for pictures of the Holy Face and gives details of what was done with them. 2pp
270	27 May 1887	Holograph letter from E.M. Letchworth, Hyères, to Kirby: Regarding permission desires for Mass in house and advice from Kirby. 2pp
271	27 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. B. Doyle, Albany, New York, to Kirby: Recommending Mr. John Reilly, visiting Rome. 2pp
272	27 May 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £50, of which £31 is for new Irish church in Rome, and remainder for Papal Jubilee fund. 1p

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273	27 May 1887	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: News of visitation. Things much better and quieter than press makes out. Rumour of division of diocese causing some alarm among priests. Diocesan seminary approaching completion. 4pp
274	27 May 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: News of visitations. 'The famous "Irish College" document' appears in full in 'Irish Times'. 'Most libellous and lying' - wishes Pope to know full story. 4pp
275	27 May 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £123.0.0, of which £120 is for Papal Jubilee and £3 for Kirby. News of appointment to Christchurch has arrived. 'third Englishman appointed' to Sees here within a few years. Much indignation. Propaganda, English and Marist influence. More expressions of disappointment. 4pp
276	28 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. James Connelly, C.C., Edenderry, to Kirby: Enclosing petition for marriage dispensation - gives reasons. 2pp
277	28 May 1887	Holograph letter from +L. Meurin, S. J. [Rome], to Kirby: Most regretfully the writer has to refuse an invitation owing to previous commitments. 2pp
278	28 May 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Paula Curtis, Newcastle West, to Kirby: Requests prize from Pope for bazaar in aid of new school and enlargement of orphanage. 4pp
279	28 May 1887	Holograph letter from Flore Mastraeten, Superior, Belgium, to 'Dear Reverend Father' [Fr. John Bourke]: Giving news of Kirby's niece, Margaret Kirby, 'who is nearly always in the same state of health ', sometimes very calm and then for a few days 'in great agitation', after which she is ill from weakness. 1p

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280	29 May 1887	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Donegal, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for Briefs, receipt of which he is keeping secret for present, gives reasons. Mentions false report which deceived no one since 'We have become so accustomed to false reports from Rome that we can discount them as quickly as they appear'. 4pp
281	29 May 1887 Feast of Pentecost	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Drumcondra, to Kirby: Regarding the now 'canonically erected and approved by the Holy Father, the Archbishop of Dublin and the Bishop of Dunedin' novitiate. 4pp
282	30 May 1887	Holograph letter from Ann Carroll, Ontario, to Kirby: Personal letter from a cousin. 3pp
283	30 May 1887 Whit- Monday 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas Liston, Rathkeale, to Kirby: Application for renewal of various faculties for writer's parish priest, John Halpin, Archdeacon and Vicar General of Limerick. Regarding sudden death of Bishop Butler, who is succeeded by Dr. O'Dwyer. Gives personal news. 4pp

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284	30 May 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding Educational Endowments - writer thinks 'the difficulty is fully settled at last. Even the Protestant Archbishop, Lord Plunket, accepted my arrangement.' 'As to pushing forward any other parts' of the matter of training colleges, writer is leaving matters as they stand. 'It would seem that some Government influence has been exerted in Rome to rid Lord Salisbury of the necessity of dealing further with the Education question'. Writer mentions that 'about a month ago' the Education Question 'had reached a point where success was certain', but now he does 'not think that the question was ever in a more backward or hopeless condition. English diplomacy, and its power of working through the most hidden channels, ought to be better understood at Rome than they seem to be'. A 'postscript' says that the writer has practically decided to refuse Mother Gabriel any approval, as she has been so much trouble - now, however, she has written to say that recently she received a 'document of approval from the Holy See', and he has asked her to let him see this. [see KIR/1887/281]
285	30 May 1887	Holograph letter from Annie Mary Unthank, Dublin, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude. 3pp
286	30 May 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for obtaining promise of prize from Pope for St. Kilian's. 3pp
287	1 June 1887	Holograph letter from Mary of the Nativity, Rome, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude to Kirby for his help in obtaining the final approbation of their Rule at Nazareth House. 4pp
288	1 June 1887	Holograph letter from Very Rev. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Encloses letter from Courtrai regarding health of 'Maggie' [Kirby's niece], who is unlikely to improve. Writer's own sight is so bad that he is unable to read or write [letter only signed personally]. [The enclosure is almost certainly KIR/1887/279.] 3pp

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289	1 June 1887	Holograph letter from John Francis Xavier Blackmore, Chicago, to Kirby: Regarding work - writer describes himself as 'City Missionary of Chicago' - and hopes of seeing Kirby in a couple of years' time when he hopes to obtain permission to go to New Guinea to convert the 'barbarians' there. 3pp
290	1 June 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walsh, Carlow, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for dispensation received which, however, seems not to be the one requested. Hopes Kirby received the fifty pounds sent for new Irish church in Rome. 2pp
291	2 June 1887	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Explains delay in writing to acknowledge receipt of dispensation. Praises Miss Unthank's piety and generosity. 3pp
292	2 June 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Dr. Verdon: Writer acknowledges pamphlet - 'shameful production' - has been asked to send details of true position to Pope, but has refused, gives reasons. [Second page torn, so some news now missing.] 4pp
293	2 June 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses two petitions for marriage dispensations. 1p
294	3 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Aloysius Talbot, Presentation Convent, Tuam, to Kirby: Regarding Sr. Mary Gabriel Donelon who will be writing to obtain dispensation from her Solemn Vows. Gives details of case. 2pp

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295	5 June 1887	Holograph letter from M.F. Howley, [Prefect Apostolic], St. George's, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Regarding free place in Irish College for Newfoundland in Will of late Fr. Yore [or Ewer]. On hearing of sudden death of Mr. Meany, a student from Harbour Grace, writer immediately got in touch with Kirby. By this mail he is writing to Propaganda and asks Kirby not to move in the matter until a decision has come. Things are complicated by the fact that the burse was left to the Island, which has since been divided into three Sees. 4pp
296	5 June 1887	Holograph letter from M. Angelica Aureli, S. Marta in S. B., to Kirby: Personal letter on approach of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, mentioning Kirby's goodness to them. [Italian] 1p
297	6 June 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Gives details of case of nun wishing to be released from all her vows [see KIR/1887/294]. Regarding election of V.G. for Achonry. Probable effects of Coercion Bill. 4pp
298	7 June 1887	Holograph letter from D. Nicola M. Canevello, O.S.B., Subiaco, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
299	9 June 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. I. Campbell, Scots College, Rome, to Kirby: If Kirby would care to attend their 'Te Deum' on the morrow for the Queen, there will be a place kept for him in the Sanctuary. Mgr. O'Callaghan will be there, 'and the two English Bishops, Vaughan and Patterson'. 2pp

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300	9 June 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer hopes Kirby received paper he drew up, giving official testimonies of Judges at recent Assizes. Stresses importance of giving Pope the truth of things immediately. Press full of false statements. Could Kirby discover the status of Fr. Belany, whose pamphlet is 'full of shocking lies'? Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster could give the information. Central organization of National League has issued statement against recent call to violent resistance. A printed translation of protest will be sent in few days. Meanwhile, will Kirby please act without delay. 4pp
301	11 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sir P. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Regarding decorations. Encloses cutting regarding Mgr. Ruffo Scilla's proposed visit to London on occasion of Queen's Jubilee. 2 items.
302	11 June 1887	Holograph letter from [,,] von Hoffmann, Rovéréaz sur Lausanne, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding health of wife, news from 'boys'. 3pp
303	12 June 1887	Holograph letter from +Agostino Richelony [], Ivrea, to Kirby: Regarding 'B. Taddeo' of Ireland. [Italian] 1p
304	12 June 1887	Holograph letter from Five Sisters [newly clothed], Beaumont, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks. [See KIR/1887/281 and /284] 3pp
305	13 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonino, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter. Encloses five pounds for Pope's picture. Sends also intentions to be left on St. Aloysius's Altar. Dominican Orphanage news. Asks again for Kirby's photograph. 4pp
306	13 June 1887	Holograph letter from Mary of the Nativity, Nazareth House, London, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and news of journey from Rome to London [see KIR/1887/287] 4pp

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307	13 June 1887	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Giving news of activities some of which, because of publication in press of telegram regarding writer's new appointment and that of Dr. MacCormack as Bishop of Galway in his place, may be invalid. Asks Kirby's help. 8pp
308	15 June 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Andrew Murphy, Limerick, to Kirby: On behalf of Bishop, who is on retreat, writer sends application for dispensation. 1p
309	16 June 1887	Holograph letter from E.M. O'Leary, Tallow, to Kirby: Asks a subscription in aid of the brass band recently established by St. Patrick's League of the Cross. 1p
310	16 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Eustace Eaton, Dublin, to Kirby: Sodality of girls, some 700 strong, wishes to send Pope gift of their work, most of them being weavers, that he could wear. Archbishop advises that Kirby be asked - gives details required - mentions other things well able to be made in Ireland equal if not surpassing those from other countries. 3pp
311	16 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Teresa O'Malley, Clifden, to Kirby: Encloses £4.5.6. towards Pope's Jubilee fund from children of Mary. Asks help in establishing Sodality of Mary at Carna. Mentions poverty of those who contributed to fund - largest contributor a servant with wages of four pounds a year. 4pp
312	16 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Paula Curtis, Newcastle West, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude regarding prize for bazaar sent by Pope with papal blessing. 4pp
313	18 June 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hurley [], Cork, to Kirby: Encloses document from a friend, of whom he gives details, asking Kirby to deal with it. 4pp

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314	20 June 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John McMenamin, Stranorlar, to Kirby: Enclosing two documents showing that writer has been elected Vicar Capitular for vacant See of Raphoe. Dr. Logue suggested these should be sent to Kirby, as he would then expedite the sending of the necessary faculties. [Letter from Abp. McGettigan is still with this letter.] 5pp
315	20 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Gertrude Foley, Rome, to Kirby: Gives details of serious illness - only a few months to live - necessary for her to drink red wine, and asks Kirby's help as the nuns where she is will not believe that she is ill, much less dying. 4pp
316	20 June 1887	Holograph letter from Canon O'Neill, P.P., Clontarf, to Kirby: Transmits through Kirby the sum of one hundred pounds left to the Pope by the late Miss Elizabeth Laaffe. 3pp
317	21 June 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Maynooth, to Kirby: Writer has received Kirby's wire, and will comply with it. Gives reasons why it is not possible for the Irish hierarchy to take part in Queen's Jubilee celebrations. 4pp
318	22 June 1887	Telegram from Sir P. Jennings, [], to Kirby: 'Cardinal's official reception papal envoy tomorrow night decorations not arrived inform if possible name railway agents. Jennings.' 1p
319	23 June 1887	Holograph letter from Enrico Gualdi, Propaganda, to Kirby: Regarding Dr. Logue - will Kirby kindly inform him that his actions are valid, and were not rendered invalid by the publication of the telegram in the papers [see KIR/1887/307]. Regarding petition from Mgr. Reynolds. [Italian] 2pp
320	23 June 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gertrude Foley, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks. [See KIR/1887/315] 8pp

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321	24 June 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Denedin, to Kirby: Encloses letter for Cardinal Simeoni regarding Miss Owens, who was directed by His Eminence to apply for re-admission to the Dominican Convent of Dunedin. The accompanying letter states that the nuns are not prepared to receive her, and gives their reasons. Mother Gabriel has met with difficulties in Ireland, and writer may have to go over himself, but does not wish to do so as he will have to journey to Rome in 1889. However, will Kirby obtain permission for him to do so should it be necessary. 3pp
322	26 June 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses, on behalf of the Archbishop, copies of a 'little brochure' for distribution as Kirby thinks best. 2pp
323	26 June 1887	Holograph letter from Canon Cotter, Dunmanway, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties to bless beads and gives diocesan news. 4pp
324	27 June 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. James K. Egan, Waterford, to Kirby: Former student at Irish College writes a personal letter giving news of his work. 4pp
325	27 June 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Encloses letter from Kirby to 'My dear Lord' sent to the writer but not for him. Asks Kirby to rectify error in name, made by the Bishop, on marriage dispensation and gives country and diocesan news. 2 items.
326	27 June 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding proposed Rome mission to Ireland. Fears and apprehension among people. Incorrect information in press. 4pp
327	28 June 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda E. White, Glengarriffe, to Kirby: Letter asks Kirby to recommend young Protestant friend, Simon White, to Cardinal Moran of Sydney - gives details of reasons why he is going to Australia. 3pp

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328	28 June 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas Byrne, Bray, to Kirby: Implores Kirby to obtain from Our Blessed Lady help for a girl having strong influence brought to bear on her to renounce her Faith as a condition of marriage. 2pp
329	30 June 1887	Holograph letter from Monica Dolphin, Loughrea, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £2.11.3. for 41 Masses, giving details. 4pp
330	3 July 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Princes visit lasted only three days, Dublin being the only town visited. Kirby's letter arrived when it was all over. Present Lord Lieutenant very different from predecessors, Lord Aberdeen and Lord Carnarvon. 'It is simply impossible that I could have any relations with him.' 4pp
331	3 July 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. James Walker, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties to bless beads etc.. Tells how sad the diocese of Raphoe is at transfer of their Bishop. Diocesan news. 4pp
332	3 July 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Howley, Longford, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and convent news. Unexpected death of Mother M. Aquinas Whelan. 4pp
333	4 July 1887	Holograph letter from Katie Brennan, Longford, to Kirby: Personal letter from schoolgirl niece. 3pp
334	4 July 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Explains why recent negotiations on Education question with the Government had to be secret. People greatly perturbed by Mgr. Persico's visit, thinking the Pope is influenced by Duke of Norfolk and Bishop of Salford, who say that 'the Irish Bishops are not to be trusted'. 4pp
335	4 July 1887	Holograph letter from M. Eleanora Trigomi, Sta. Lucia, to Kirby: Asking Kirby to pay them a visit. [Italian] 1p

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336	4 July 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Encloses draft of eighteen pounds as contribution to St. Patrick's church in Rome. 1p
337	5 July 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda E. White, Glengarriffe, to Kirby: Personal letter, thanking Kirby for what he has written to Simon White, hoping to emigrate to Australia. 4pp
338	5 July 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John McMenamin, Stranorlar, to Kirby: Thanks for faculties. 13 July is the date fixed for the nomination of 3 priests for the vacant See of Raphoe. 2pp
339	5 July 1887	Holograph letter from +Joseph Byrne, Bathurst, to Kirby: Introducing Fr. Denis McGrath. 2pp
340	6 July 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Thanks for approval of white Irish poplin for Pope's robes for his Jubilee. Requests information concerning amount needed. Mentions that while Ardagh sent nearly two hundred pounds Peter's Pence for 1886, Rome put it at about 350 lira only. Asks Kirby to explain. Postscript marked 'Private' asks object of Monsignor Persico's visit to Ireland. 3pp
341	6 July 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J.S. Flanagan, Adare, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation for a mixed marriage. 3pp
342	7 July 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Thanks for faculties. Rest of letter concerned with sufferings of Irish people under Victoria, and giving statistics of deaths by famine, of emigration. 4pp
343	7 July 1887	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Galway, to Kirby: Recommending Fr. Denis O'Hara for See of Achonry, giving reasons. 5pp

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344	7 July 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas Dowley, Waterford, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to send 'enclosed application' to Pope. 1p
345	8 July 1887	Holograph letter from Elizabeth Butler, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
346	8 July 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. L. Heneberry, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby's help for a Fr. O'Farrell - explains circumstances. He is now in great distress and is trying to get reinstated by his Order. His petition to Rome has not been answered. 4pp
347	8 July 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. de P. O'Connell, Ursuline, Thurles, to Kirby: Thanks for favours from Pope. Gives detailed account of the celebrations. Local news. 5pp
348	'8 April 1887'	Holograph letter from Sr. M. di Geltrude, Capua, to Kirby: Personal letter of good wishes for Easter. On the second sheet [in English] is a letter from Sr. Mary of S. Peter, also sending Easter greetings, asking Kirby for an English prayer book. [This letter should appear after KIR/1887/195] [Italian] 4pp
349	8 July 1887	Holograph letter from M. Luiza Buruttini, Mno. Di S. Cecilia, to Kirby: Personal letter asking help for a little girl [writer's niece] being brought up in the Benedictine Convent of Amelia, and who has now been abandoned - previously all her needs were paid for. [Italian] 4pp
350	9 July 1887	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, B.W.I., to Kirby: Enclosed cheque for Pope's Jubilee, and tells Kirby what else he hopes to do. Last October he sent report on diocese to Cardinal Simeoni and has had no acknowledgement - would Kirby check? 4pp

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351	9 July 1887	Holograph letter from J.P. Matthews, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding desire to return to Ireland, to write. Explains need to leave Rome where, however, he hopes one day to return. 3pp
352	10 July 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Mgr. Persico and Fr. Gualdi staying with the writer, who will go over the whole case of Ireland with them. So far, they have been very edified with all they have seen. 3pp
353	11 July 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Brigid Ryan, Convent of Mercy, Athy, to Kirby: Foundress of Convent very ill, presumably dying and asks Kirby's prayers and blessing with, if possible, blessing also of Pope. 2pp
354	11 July 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, [Carlow], to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to explain their 'state to the Dignitary'. Encloses petition for Propaganda. 1p
355	11 July 1887	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Personal letter, thanking Kirby for writing and giving him all diocesan news. 4pp
356	12 July 1887	Holograph letter from S. B. Bennett, Champéry, to Kirby: Personal note, enclosing translation of Manual of Holy Face, a hymn the writer has composed for it - also copies of litany composed for Children of Mary. 2pp
357	12 July 1887	Holograph letter from John F. Perrin, New Zealand Tablet, Dunedin, to Kirby: 'The late ecclesiastical changes have caused much surprise in New Zealand'. Provides some details of the havoc wrought by the Marists and the wonderful work done by Bishop Moran. The Bishop does not know of this letter. 5pp
358	13 July 1887	Holograph letter from Luisa M. Paravanni, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 1p

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359	13 July 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £11, of which £6 is for Mgr. Antonini from the children of Dunedin and £5 is writer's subscription towards Pope's Jubilee. 3pp
360	13 July 1887	Holograph letter from John Joseph Shanahan, Cookstown, to Kirby: Asks for dispensation to marry Protestant girl living in England. Gives details which are confirmed by Canon Rice, his P.P., at the end of the letter. 4pp
361	14 July 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Diocesan news. Great help given by St. John the Divine. 2pp
362	15 July 1887	Holograph letter from M. Agnese [], to Kirby: Sends Kirby some scapulars which she hopes he will accept. Asks his prayers for the community and particularly for the coming election. [Italian] 1p
363	15 July 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown, to Kirby: Regarding Presentation nun who left Tasmania without permission and is now seeking to be allowed to return to her old convent at Fermoy - writer asks Kirby's help as, having violated the Clausure, she has incurred an excommunication reserved to the Pope. 4pp
364	17 July 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. M.J. McGrath, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to obtain faculties for him to absolve in a special case, giving details of it. 4pp
365	17 July 1887	Holograph letter from John Francis Xavier Blackmore, Chicago, to Kirby: Writer from 'City Missionary of Chicago', hopes to see Kirby in Rome the first week in September, before going on the New Guinea to preach the Gospel. 2pp

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366	19 July 1887	Holograph letter from Elizabeth Mellet, Swinford, to Kirby: Asking Kirby's blessing and support for bazaar to help the building of a new church. 4pp
367	20 July 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Brigid Ryan, Athy, to Kirby: Much gratitude for papal blessing for dying Mother Foundress of Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, who now seems better with hope of recovery. 3pp
368	21 July 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses four pounds for 62 Masses, giving details. 6pp
369	22 July 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Assisi Taylor, Convent of Mercy, Castletown Bere, to Kirby: Asks for prize for bazaar from Pope. 4pp
370	22 July 1887	Holograph letter from +Thomas J. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Diocesan news since writer's arrival at Melbourne. Religion 'is in a most flourishing condition ' The only question that gives trouble is that of Education. Mentions case of priest who got married and sends his petition to be forwarded to Propaganda by Kirby. To those who do not know his story he appears most exemplary. Fr. Surzo, S. J. takes an interest in his case. 4pp
371	23 July 1887	Holograph letter from M. Rosa,[], to Kirby: Asks Kirby for 250 lira and explains position. [Italian] 1p
372	25 July 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Acknowledges receipt of £8.6.6., to which writer added £20, sending a Bank of England order for the whole amount. Also sent the 'Manuscript account' to Dr. Kirby. 'I paid the postage, I suppose all will go right'. 2pp

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373	26 July 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Armagh, to Kirby: The Bishop of Ardagh writes regarding applying funds of vacant parish to some charitable or pious purpose, having now been told by fellow bishops that he has no right to do so - has done so in the past, and begs Kirby to obtain permission for him to cover all occasions. Regarding length of poplin for Pope. Sends dividend warrant for £12.11.10 lodged in Hibernian Bank in respect of Burse. Met Mgr. Persico and invited him to Longford. 4pp
374	27 July 1887	Holograph letter from Monica Dolphin, Loughrea, to Kirby: Personal letter, enclosing £3.19.9 for Masses as indicated. 4pp
375	27 July 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas Byrne, Bray, to Kirby: Again begging Kirby's prayers for girl whom man is trying to persuade, with promise of marriage and settlement of money on her, to become a Protestant. Gives details. [See KIR/1887/328]
376	28 July 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Recently sent Kirby a draft for £28.6.6. for the Pope, as writer does not know how to address 'the Chief Secretary of His Holiness'. [See KIR/1887/372]
377	28 July 1887	[Fragment handwritten letter], [no signature], to Kirby: First page of personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
378	30 July 1887	Holograph letter from Eliza O'Toole, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter begging Kirby's financial aid. 4pp
379	31 July 1887	Holograph letter from Maria D'Antonio, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp

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380	1 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M.E. Forde, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding information as to how to obtain title of Venerable for their Foundress, Mother M. Catherine McAuley, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy. 4pp
381	1 August 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses three pounds for 48 Masses, as indicated. 3pp
382	1 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. P.A. Treacy, Burlington, to Kirby: Sends copy of his brother's work, 'Irish Scholars on the Continent of Europe'. 1p
383	1 August 1887	Holograph letter from Mons. George Dillon, Albano Laziale, to Kirby: Regarding letter from Cardinal Moran of Sydney giving permission requested and also excellent account of socialist agitation in the Colonies against Queen's Jubilee - good behaviour of Catholics. Tells of plans for future. Arguments with Marists. 4pp
384	1 August 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Timothy O'Connell, Castlemartyr, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for marriage dispensation. 2pp
385	1 August 1887	Holograph letter from M. Limbania Amadia, Montefalco, to Kirby: Regarding the approaching feast of 'their' saint - St. Clare of Assisi. [Italian] 2pp
386	2 August 1887	Holograph letter from M. Metilde, [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
387	2 August 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, [Carlow], to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation. Mentions Peter's Pence sent and not acknowledged by Kirby. [See KIR/1887/372 and /376] Proposes to hold general collection in September. 1p

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388	2 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Foran, Millstreet, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties for Rev. Cornelius O'Sullivan. 2pp
389	2 August 1887	Holograph letter from John A. Farrelly, San Francisco, to Kirby: Writer sends \$1,000 to cover his indebtedness to College incurred when a student many years ago. He thought a relative was paying for him. Never ordained, he is now 60 and has in many respects had a very difficult life. Explains circumstances. Includes a note in Kirby's handwriting, with financial details - no further obligation. 2 items
390	2 August 1887	Holograph letter from [Mrs.] M. Larkin, Rome, to Kirby: Letter of thanks to Kirby for arranging an Audience. 2pp
391	2 August 1887 'First Friday of August 1887'	Fragment handwritten letter [no signature] to Kirby: Personal letter to Kirby telling him of all their trials. 8pp
392	4 August 1887	Holograph letter from Elizabeth Mellett, Leamington, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for Pope's gift for bazaar, as also for his own contribution. 4pp
393	4 August 1887	Holograph letter from [+James Walshe], Carlow, to Kirby: Encloses petition - enquires regarding an address - supposes that the Bank of England draft for £28.6.6. arrived safely. [See KIR/1887/372, /376 and /387] [Petition not extant.] 1p
394	5 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. M. O'Gorman, P.P., Feakle, to Kirby: Requests faculties. 2pp
395	5 August 1887	Holograph letter from Augusto Righetti, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 3pp

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396	7 August 1887	Holograph letter from [Maria], [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 5pp
397	9 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Teresa Magdalen, Ranelagh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer, in a Carmelite Convent, has heard of poverty of Carmelite nuns in Rome - is this true? [Italian] 2pp
398	9 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. James Murray, P.P. Virginia, Ireland, to Kirby: Regarding special case of a dying priest, asks faculties to absolve him. 2pp
399	9 August 1887	Holograph letter from Joseph Lavery, Belfast, to Kirby: Personal letter, explaining why writer is unable to repay Kirby for the money he let him have. 4pp
400	10 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M.C. Di Ricci, Invergall, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece giving convent news. Mother Gabriel has 'had her first reception in Ireland. Five Postulants received the holy habit ' 4pp
401	10 August 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Adelaide, the poor, is to be ably represented at coming Jubilee exhibition of the Pope. Unasked, the Government is preparing 'a beautifully bound copy of the "Flora Australia", to be sent to the Holy Father for his Jubilee Exhibition ' Encloses sketch of new cathedral 'when completed'. 2pp
402	11 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Madda dell'Incarnazione, Orbetello, to Kirby: Personal letter. Would like Dr. Bartoli to return to Rome. [Italian] 1p
403	11 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas Byrne, Bray, to Kirby: Personal letter giving spiritual news of case of which Kirby knows. [See KIR/1887/328 and /375] 3pp

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404	11 August 1887	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Encloses applications for marriage dispensations. 2pp
405	12 August 1887	Holograph letter from G. Bizini, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude for Kirby's kindness. [Italian] 4pp
406	13 August 1887	Holograph letter from Maria D'Antonio, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude for Kirby's kindness. [Italian] 4pp
407	13 August 1887	Holograph letter from M. Selini, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding young girl who wants to make her First Communion. [Italian] 1p
408	14 August 1887	Holograph letter from [], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
409	14 August 1887	Holograph letter from Mons. George Dillon, Albano Laziale, to Kirby: Lengthy, personal letter regarding permission obtained to hear confessions. Desire to secure convent of Capuchins at Albano to the Order through purchase by the writer. Still no settlement of argument with Marists over money. 5pp
410	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonina, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter. News of coming bazaar. Encloses pound for Masses. 4pp
411	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Patrick Ryan, Charleville, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding certainty of vocation to the priesthood and advice of confessor. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting - 'You cannot be readmitted here'. 2pp
412	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. P.A. Treacy, Burlington, N.J., to Kirby: Writer requests that permission be obtained for his brother's new book to be dedicated to the Pope. 2pp

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413	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M.S. Geltrude, Capua, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
414	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Fr. Cassidy, Napier, to Kirby: People - both Maoris and Europeans - often ask for scapulars. Will Kirby please obtain the necessary faculties for the writer. Maoris a fine race and many of them Catholics, though some Irish lose their Faith in New Zealand. 4pp
415	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Maria [M. Be], [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
416	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Suor M. Colomba Cometti, Velletri, to Kirby: Personal and convent matters. [Italian] 3pp
417	15 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Margherita Tarenghi, Rome, to Kirby: Personal note. [Italian] 2pp
418	16 August 1887	Holograph letter from Mary O'Conor Donelan, Valfleury, to Kirby: Begging Kirby to obtain dispensation for her from vows - gives reasons. 2pp
419	16 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Drumcondra, to Kirby: Personal letter of troubles. Dunedin Community's refusal to readmit Sr. M. Alphonsus Owens. Archbishop of Dublin's suppression of writer's convent which he had canonically erected in May. May go back to New Zealand. 10pp
420	17 August 1887	Holograph letter from 'Fannie', New York, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 5pp
421	17 August 1887	Holograph letter from Fr. Gaetano da Guarisino [], Tivoli, to Kirby: Regarding the celebration of Mass. [Italian] 1p

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422	18 August 1887	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, B.W.I., to Kirby: Encloses cheque for £60 for Pope - also one for £27.5.1. for new Irish church in Rome. Explains why both cheques are small. 4pp
423	18 August 1887	Holograph letter from M. Walshe, Assisi, to Kirby: Asking help for very poor convent of aged Benedictine nuns. 4pp
424	20 August 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses five pounds for 80 Masses, with instructions. 5pp
425	20 August 1887	Holograph letter from Michael Verdon, Belingora, to Kirby: Writer's health already improved from change of air - visited Don Bosco's establishment in Turin on way from Rome, but Don Bosco himself was away. 4pp
426	21 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Margherita Tarengi, Mantellate, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 3pp
427	22 August 1887	Holograph letter from Three Novices, Drumcondra, to Kirby: Leaving at the end of the month for New Zealand, they ask Kirby's blessing and thank him for his goodness to the Novitiate. They sign themselves- Sr. M. Josepha Warren, Sr. M. Pius Rowe, Sr. M. Antoninus Mullany. 5pp
428	22 August 1887	Holograph letter from Luisa Liberati, [], to Kirby: Writes from her bed, having just had a son who is baptized and bears the name of Luigi. Asks Kirby for charity. [Italian] 1p
429	22 August 1887	Holograph letter from M.M. des Victoires, [], to Kirby: Acknowledges Kirby's telegram [dispaccio]. Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp

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430	23 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Glengarriffe, to Kirby: Personal letter. News of 'young Mr. White' and his emigration to Australia. Sir Patrick Jennings' interest in him. Grand way in which Dr. O'Reilly's Life of Leo XIII is being received even in anti-Catholic press. 2pp
431	24 August 1887	Holograph letter from Lilla Visconti, Perugia, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
432	24 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Assisi, Castletown Bere, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for Pope's blessing and gift for their bazaar. 3pp
433	25 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas O'Sullivan, Tralee, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties as per enclosed petition. 1p
434	27 August 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Aloysius Oliver, California, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for Pope's blessing. 4pp
435	27 August 1887	Holograph letter from George Aloysius O'Byrne, Nottingham, to Kirby: Personal letter from a poet - helped by Kirby before - whose sister is dying of cancer, asking financial help. 5pp
436	28 August 1887	Holograph letter from Mary O'Conor Donelan, Valfleury, to Kirby: Thanks for letter - hopes for dispensation from vows soon. 2pp
437	29 August 1887	Holograph letter from Patrick Ryan, Charleville, to Kirby: A further letter regarding his determination to try for the priesthood. 2pp
438	29 August 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Nicholas Power, C.C., Cahir, to Kirby: Encloses faculties for renewal. 2pp

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439	29 August 1887	Handwritten letter from [], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
440	29 August 1887	Holograph letter from 'Maria F.S. ', [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 6pp
441	29 August 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Giving news of archdiocese - illness of Fr. Pettit - Land question. 4pp
442	30 August 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert Murphy, P.P., Drogheda, to Kirby: Encloses five pounds for Mass - asks for gift from Pope for bazaar in aid of church to Oliver Plunket. 4pp
443	30 August 1887	Handwritten letter [unsigned], [], to Kirby: Personal letter - spiritual matters - thanks Kirby for charity. [Italian] 4pp
444	31 August 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Introducing Rev. John MacCabe. [Now attached-Envelope addressed [by Woodlock] to Mr. James Lennon, Longford. Connection unclear.] 2 items.
445	1 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John MacCabe, Dublin, to Kirby: Sends statement of his case for forwarding to proper quarter. Cannot come personally to Rome as he has not the wherewithal to pay expenses of journey [see KIR/1887/444]. 3pp
446	1 September 1887	Holograph letter from Maria [Mbe], [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 6pp
447	1 September 1887	Holograph letter from ['Your undeserving daughter'], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp

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448	2 September 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Patrick, Cork, to Kirby: Recommending Dr. John Lynch of New York. 3pp
449	3 September 1887	Holograph letter from +John Walsh, London, Ontario, to Kirby: Giving news of writer's forthcoming visit to Rome and asking advice as to where to stay. 4pp
450	4 September 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. di S. Geltrude, Capua, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude - convent news. [Italian] 2pp
451	4 September 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary of St. Peter, Capua, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and asking prayers. 3pp
452	5 September 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Gonzaga Kenny, Limerick, to Kirby: Asks for new rescript, if necessary, to have new, white marble altar in chapel privileged. Encloses rescript regarding previous altar. 3pp
453	5 September 1887	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Regarding petitions for matrimonial dispensations - urgent; perhaps former letter did not reach Kirby? - gives news of another where parties married in a civil court. 3pp
454	5 September 1887	Holograph letter from M. Francesca, [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
455	5 September 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Thanks for blessing of Pope. Diocesan news. Took part in consecration of Dr. Corbett, Bishop of Sale, by Archbishop Carr. R. O'Reilly, Bishop Elect of Port Augusta, hopes to be consecrated on Rosary Sunday in Adelaide. News of Mr. Thomas Cosgrove, a student about to enter Propaganda. 3pp
456	5 September 1887	Telegram from Rev. R. McLaughlin, Sligo, to Kirby: Asks special papal blessing for Bishop's Silver Jubilee. 1p

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457	6 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Sends relic case and asks Kirby to obtain certain relics for it. 4pp
458	6 September 1887	Holograph letter from M. Luise Burattini, S. Cecilia, to Kirby: Writes to tell Kirby that Sr. Filomena had another stroke, experienced apoplexy and had received Extreme Unction. [Italian] 1p
459	6 September 1887	Holograph letter from George O'Byrne, Nottingham, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for pound sent. [See KIR/1887/435] 4pp
460	7 September 1887	Holograph letter from S. M. Teresa O'Mally, Clifden, to Kirby: Encloses formula of application of her sodality for affiliation to Children of Mary, as requested by Kirby. Gives local news. 2 items
461	7 September 1887	Holograph letter from Dr. Michael Verdon, Viareggia, to Kirby: Personal letter. On way back to Rome from Switzerland. 3pp
462	7 September 1887	Holograph letter from 'Undeserving daughter ', Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Filomena and writer's Community. [Italian] 2pp
463	8 September 1887	Holograph letter from 'Maria P.', Tivoli, to Kirby: Regarding confession. [Italian] 1p
464	8 September 1887	Holograph letter from Gaetano Bezzi, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
465	8 September 1887	Holograph letter from [Maria M Br], [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp

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466	8 September 1887	Holograph letter from Dr. Bernard O'Reilly, Glengariff, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding book he has written, a special copy of which is being sent to Kirby. 4pp
467	8 September 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Teresa Scully, Clonakilty, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of permission for Midnight Mass in Convent of Mercy chapel. 1p
468	8 September 1887	Holograph letter from +J. Dunne, Hay, N.S. W., to Kirby: Writer is the new Bishop of Wilcannia, the largest and poorest diocese in New South Wales. He is residing at Hay, as there is neither house nor church at Wilcannia. Great need for priests, can Kirby help?. Has asked Cardinal Simeoni for free place for the Diocese at the Propaganda College. Gives names of the priests of the Diocese of Wilcannia. 7pp
469	9 September 1887	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation received. 3pp
470	9 September 1887	Holograph letter from M. Luisa Burottini, S. Cecilia, to Kirby: With great sorrow the writer gives Kirby news of the death of Sr. Filomena. Asks for Masses. [Italian] 2pp
471	10 September 1887	Holograph letter from M. Kirwan, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from woman who knew him when she was a child. Tells of her troubles and those of her family and asks a reply and prayers. Marked 'Private'. 8pp
472	10 September 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert Browne, Maynooth, to Kirby: Writer asks information as to how best the College at Maynooth could take part in the celebration of the Pope's Jubilee - anxious to have a share in the raising of a statue of St. Thomas. 6pp
473	11 September 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses pound for Masses, as indicated. 4pp

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474	12 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Coffey, P.P., V.G., Tralee, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation. Mentions Mgr. Persico's visit. 4pp
475	13 September 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for gifts. Local news. White poplin for Pope's robes being sent. Collections for Jubilee and Peter's Pence being forwarded later. 4pp
476	13 September 1887	Holograph letter from F.M. Handley, Rome, to Kirby: Sends draft for signature. 2pp
477	14 September 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Requests renewal of faculties. 1p
478	14 September 1887	Holograph letter from +Paolo G. Palma, Archivescovo latino di Bucarest, Bucarest, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 3pp
479	14 September 1887	Holograph letter from Andrew Horan, Ipswich, Queensland, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for telegram, letter and cheque, all referring to nun being dispensed from vows of obedience and poverty. Encloses £10; £5 for new church of St. Patrick, Rome and £5 for Kirby. Appointment of Dr. Grimes not popular, as he 'is a friar and a semi-Englishman'. 2pp
480	15 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Glengarriffe, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Dr. O'Reilly's Life of Leo XIII in six languages, enclosing various letters in this connection, and telling of apparent campaign against Pope by Dr. McGlynn in America. 3 items.
481	16 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Ed. O'Callaghan, R.M.S. 'Austral', Suez Canal, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letters, faculties and little book. Personal news. 4pp

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482	18 September 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Enclosing petition which writer hopes Kirby will forward to proper quarter. 2pp
483	19 September 1887	Holograph letter from Patrick Donnelly, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding copies of book which writer has written on St. Mary's Abbey, Dublin. Mentions one specially bound for Pope's Jubilee. 2 items
484	19 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Glengarriffe, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for appointment of Dr. O'Reilly as Domestic Prelate. Mentions attacks on Pope in America. 3pp
485	19 September 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses four pounds for 62 Masses, as indicated. 4pp
486	19 September 1887	Holograph letter from Dr. Bernard O'Reilly, Glengarriff, to Kirby: Regarding writer's appointment as Domestic Prelate and also series he is writing in American paper on work of Pope. 3pp
487	19 September 1887	Holograph letter from Thomas Kepple Allen, Ohio, to Kirby: Personal letter. Disabled soldier, now 72 years old, wants Kirby to send him money to return to Ireland. Asks family news. [Archivist's note- writer may be some connection of Kirby's, having regard to the name 'Kepple'.] 1p
488	19 September 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Chiara Guiseppe Martinetti, Rome, to Kirby: Convent news. Asks help. [Italian] 3pp
489	20 September 1887	Holograph letter from M. Scholastica Ryan, Cork, to Kirby: Gives news of Sr. Xavieria's, alias Ann Sherlock, death. 3pp

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490	20 September 1887	Holograph letter from George O'Byrne, Nottingham, to Kirby: Writer gives news of operation on sister, who now has chance to live, and asks Kirby to spread knowledge of Little Company of Mary. 4pp
491	22 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Londonderry, to Kirby: Writer gives news of visit to Canada and the U.S.A. and sorrow at not being in Derry when Mgr. Persico was there, ashamed of cold reception given him. 4pp
492	22 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. P. O'Neill, Rostrevor, to Kirby: Encloses draft for thirty pounds for Masses, as indicated. Gives Irish news. 4pp
493	22 September 1887	Holograph letter from Maria D'Antonio, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
494	22 September 1887	Holograph letter from John F. Perrin [N.Z. Tablet], Dunedin, to Kirby: In defence of Dr. Moran and giving some details of the Marists. 'Religion languishes under the Marists ' 1p
495	22 September 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Eustace Eaton, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding industry in Ireland. Encloses patterns, one of which she hopes will be all right for Pope's soutanes. Asks Kirby's advice. 2pp
496	23 September 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert Murphy, P.P., Drogheda, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for prize from Pope for bazaar for memorial church to Oliver Plunket. 2pp
497	23 September 1887	Holograph letter in French from Henri Cramer, Bois-le-Duc, to Kirby: Regarding copy of Life of Leo XIII which the author, Mgr. Bernard O'Reilly, wishes Kirby to have. 1p

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498	23 September 1887	Holograph letter from Maria [M Be], [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
499	24 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Costelloe, Ballinasloe, to Kirby: Asks renewal of faculties. 1p
500	26 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Molloy, C.C., Castlebar, to Kirby: Inquires as to how he should apply for faculties. 2pp
501	26 September 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Enclosing petition [not extant] for mixed marriage dispensation. Also letter from prospective bridegroom, Lancelot [Tevsdale], to bride's father, Mr. O'Rourke, a Protestant. 2 items.
502	27 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. A. Dillon, Louth, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation, explaining why the Archbishop is not able to grant it himself. 2pp
503	27 September 1887	Holograph letter from Pellegrina Santo, Serofano, to Kirby: Personal letter. Wishes Kirby to let her know when he returns to Rome. [Italian] 1p
504	29 September 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Diocesan news. Untruths in papers, repeated after contradiction by Mgr. Persico. Evictions stopped by 'fear of the presence of a large number of English visitors'. Archbishop's Conference project. 4pp
505	30 September 1887	Holograph letter from Canon Rice, Charleville, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation, with strong recommendation. 1p

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506	30 September 1887	Holograph letter from J.A. Farrelly, San Francisco, to Kirby: Sends cheque for £140 to cover indebtedness to College. Hopes to be able to do more, but doubtful. Thanks for little picture enclosed in Kirby's letter. 3pp
507	30 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas Byrne, Bray, to Kirby: Beseeching prayers for girl of whom he has written before, who is in danger of giving up the Faith to marry a Protestant. [See KIR/1887/403, /375 and /328] 4pp
508	30 September 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. W. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to place the 'enclosed' in proper hands at Propaganda. 1p
509	1 October 1887	Holograph letter from Suor Irene [Duzio], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude and spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
510	3 October 1887	Holograph letter from Alessandro Faticoni, Frascati, to Kirby: Regarding application for dispensation received that morning from Down and Connor. [Italian] 4pp
511	3 October 1887	Holograph letter from Mary O'Connor Donelan, Paray-le-Monial, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation received, but her confessor is not sure whether vow of chastity is included in dispensation - would Kirby inform her. 2pp
512	5 October 1887	Holograph letter from Arthur Moore, Tipperary, to Kirby: Regarding desire of writer's uncle for papal recognition of his work as a Catholic author. 3pp
513	5 October 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. P.J. Tynan, Dublin, to Kirby: Asks help for bazaar and also indulgence of two privileged altars. 4pp

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514	6 October 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Recommending case of Fr. Philip Duffy, bearer of the letter. 3pp
515	8 October 1887	Holograph letter from Francesco C. Di Giovanni, Rome, to Kirby: Asking Kirby to officiate at funeral on Monday. [Italian] 1p
516	8 October 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Glengarriffe, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Life of Leo XIII - America - Simon White and Australia. 4pp
517	8 October 1887	Holograph letter from A. Faticoni, Frascati, to Kirby: A tiresome cough has made it necessary for the writer to leave Rome for Frascati. He now writes to Kirby regarding a dispensation for 'Maria Giuseppina O'Rorke' of Down and Connor. [Italian] 3pp
518	9 October 1887	Holograph letter from Elizabeth Butler, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
519	10 October 1887	Holograph letter from +A. Macdonald, Harbour Grace, to Kirby: Sends petitions. 2pp
520	Circa 10 October 1887	Holograph letter from J. McCann [], [no address, but most probably Rome], to Kirby: Personal letter - will see Kirby 'tomorrow, Tuesday'. 1p
521	10 October 1887	Holograph letter from J.P. Matthews, Naas, to Kirby: Asks that any letter sent to the College, addressed to him, should be forwarded. Details given. 3pp
522	11 October 1887	Holograph letter from [G. Piazzza], [Roccantica], to Kirby: Personal and newsy letter from old friends. [Italian] 1p

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523	11 October 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Edward Shindon, P.P., Baileton, to Kirby: Requests dispensation. 1p
524	11 October 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John McMenamin, Stranorlar, to Kirby: Encloses letter from P.P., Killybegs, asking for marriage dispensation. 2 items.
525	14 October 1887	Holograph letter from Sir P.A. Jennings, Abergavenny, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding error in press regarding writer going to Australia by 'SS. Rome' instead of via Rome. 4pp
526	16 October 1887	Holograph letter from Gaetano Bizzi, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding casks of wine. [Italian] 1p
527	17 October 1887	Holograph letter from [G.] Matti, Tivoli, to Kirby: Letter of thanks to Kirby for his 'extraordinary goodness'. On Friday next writer hopes to give Kirby or the Vice-Rector the book to be presented to the Pope. [Italian] 1p
528	18 October 1887	Holograph letter from +Placid Schiaffero, Roma, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
529	19 October 1887	Holograph letter from +Paolo G. Palma [Arciv. Lat. Di Bucharest], Bucharest, to Kirby: Regarding 125 francs for the celebration of 40 Masses. Writer's sister. [Italian] 1p
530	22 October 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges Kirby's letters. By now the young student, Thomas Cosgrove, will have reached Rome and writer hopes by next mail to remit sum required by Propaganda on his behalf. Bishop Elect [O'Reilly] of Port Augusta, frightened of the responsibilities, has resigned. Provides details of ongoing trouble still with Sisters of St. Joseph. Rome is slow in sending instructions. Diocesan news. Includes 3 press cuttings regarding investiture. 4 items

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531	24 October 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Genevieve Meehan, Limerick, to Kirby: Personal letter requesting relics. 4pp
532	24 October 1887	Holograph letter from Mons. Bernard O'Reilly, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks for letter. Regarding books written and to be written. 'Strictly confidential', asks Kirby to use his influence if, as writer learns from Rome, Mons. Persico's report is unfavourable to Ireland. Always thought he was the wrong man to send. 4pp
533	25 October 1887	Holograph letter from Mons. Bernard O'Reilly, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter. Sends New York edition of his Life of Leo XIII. Asks prayers for 'Mr. Webster' after long illness. 1p
534	25 October 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Mooney, Cahir, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for faculties. Mentions, with admiration, Mons. Persico, 'genuine spark of Celtic spirit in his very tone', local news. 3pp
535	26 October 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Angela Teresa di G. Bamno, Rome, to Kirby: Writer has received 'Consorelle d'Irlanda', and because her ignorance of the language does not enable her to understand every word, she would ask Kirby for a translation. As Kirby will see, she has left the Capuchins at the Quirinal and has been transferred to Santo Stefano Rotondo - the fourth time in 16 years that she has been transferred. [Italian] 2pp
536	26 October 1887	Holograph letter from G. Arcid. Mattei, Tivoli, to Kirby: Letter of thanks. Regarding other seminaries and colleges. [Archivist's note - This man perhaps employed at the Tivoli Villa, from where he seems to write?] [Italian] 2pp

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537	27 October 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. P. Molloy, Castlebar, to Kirby: In this letter, addressed to 'Rev. and dear Sir', the writer asks that the Archbishop be thanked for his willingness to apply for faculties which, however, have now been obtained unexpectedly by a friend in Rome. 2pp
538	28 October 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Asks about Formula Sixta. 1p
539	28 October 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensations - sends application for another. Regarding articles for Exhibition. 3pp
540	29 October 1887	Holograph letter from Ciriaco Uttini, Montecitorio, to Kirby: His many commitments prevent the writer from coming to the College to hear the confessions of the students. [Italian] 1p
541	31 October 1887	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, to Kirby: Recommending English visitor to Rome for ticket to ceremonies. 1p
542	31 October 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain dispensation for marriage between man and his deceased wife's sister with ten children. Such marriages legal in Australia. November 2nd will be the 15th anniversary of writer's consecration - asks prayers. 3pp
543	1 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. P. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Personal letter. Arriving in Rome soon. Hopes for an Audience. 4pp
544	1 November 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. E. [F], Bailieboro, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation. 1p

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545	1 November 1887	Holograph letter from 'Mother Abbess', Los Angeles, to Kirby: Long, personal letter regarding troubles and hopes, asking Kirby's prayers and blessing, and blessing from Pope. 24pp
546	2 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter, enclosing copy of letter from Cardinal Gibbons to Mgr. O'Reilly - giving news of Simon White and his family - writer's own plans for the winter. 4pp
547	3 November 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Personal letter, marked 'Private', regarding young priest whom writer cannot permit to say Mass in his Diocese, but whom he wishes to help. Asks Kirby's help for him when he is in Rome and sends five pounds to be expended by Kirby as latter deems best for the young priest. 6pp
548	3 November 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Regarding offering of money and books, photographs etc. for Pope's Jubilee - gives some details. 2pp
549	4 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. William Buckley, Kilrush, to Kirby: Writer asks for renewal of faculties. 2pp
550	4 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Drumcondra, to Kirby: Personal letter. Father dying, asks Papal Blessing and indulgence. News of Order. Going to New Zealand. 4pp
551	5 November 1887	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Ireland in bad state. Mgr. Perisco's report will have great influence on Irish Church. A German has been appointed Professor of Philosophy at Maynooth. Writer hopes to be in Rome for Jubilee. Encloses application for dispensation. 4pp

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552	5 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary de Sales Fallon, Newtownforbes, to Kirby: Encloses five pounds for Masses. 3pp
553	6 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary of the Nativity, London, to Kirby: Personal letter - asking Kirby to advise Patrick Hendrick, as time has come 'for him to take the oath'. 5pp
554	7 November 1887	Holograph letter from P. O'Neill, Rostrevor, to Kirby: Writer encloses draft for £45 for Masses. Sad state of Ireland. John Ross going to Rome, only Irish Catholic to attend the meeting of the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Denbigh and De Lisle when they sent deputation to Rome asking that Irish bishops be reprimanded. Further news of Ireland. 6pp
555	7 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonina Hanly, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses a pound for Mass for success of bazaar in support of the Orphanage of Our Lady of Sion. Wants Mgr. Persico to open bazaar on 6th December if in Ireland then - would Kirby 'indirectly' say a word for them. 4pp
556	8 November 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Acknowledges Kirby's letter regarding unhappy priest [see KIR/1887/547] - is sorry to hear further news but, knowing his weakness, can hardly wish his recovery - gives his opinion as to what should be done. Has heard that Pope will wear robes made from Irish poplin, which were presented from Ardagh, on his Jubilee day. Local news. 4pp
557	9 November 1887	Holograph letter from +J. Colgan, Madras, to Kirby: Writer has shipped two cases to Kirby, one with 'casket' from Archdiocese for Pope's Jubilee, the other with silver mug, gift to Pope from L. Dalver, 84-year-old jeweller. Unsettled state of affairs prevents Archbishop from going to Rome personally. By next mail will forward Peter's Pence and Jubilee collection. 3pp

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558	10 November 1887	Holograph letter from Flore Mastraeten, Courtrai, to 'Dear Revd. Sir' [probably Fr. John Bourke]: Bad news of health of Margaret Kirby [Kirby's niece]. 1p
559	10 November 1887	Holograph letter from +Joseph P. Byrne, Bathurst, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter handed him by Fr. Potter. Pleased to learn that his student, Rev. E. Flanagan, is doing well. Diocesan news. Cardinal Simeoni has told him of death of his student, Mr. Hartnett, in Propaganda. 8pp
560	11 November 1887	Holograph letter from +William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Writer informs Kirby of two boxes containing gifts for Pope's Jubilee from Mercy convents having been sent to College - his own gift and that of diocese will be sent later. 2pp
561	11 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Ignatius Walsh, Wexford, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £1.1.3 for Masses - mentions visit by Mgr. Persico, which pleased the nuns very much. 5pp
562	12 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. P. Jennings, Rome, to Kirby: Has received invitation to assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion in Pope's private chapel, and thanks Kirby for arranging this. 3pp
563	12 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sir Patrick Jennings, Rome, to Kirby: As wife is not well, writer asks Kirby for the name of a good doctor. 2pp
564	13 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. William Coghlan, Mallow, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties. 2pp
565	13 November 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Regarding articles being sent for Vatican Exhibition. They are about two hundred pounds in value. Asks Kirby to deal with them. Principally Belfast linen, Irish poplin. 4pp

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566	13 November 1887	Holograph letter from [], Drumcondra, to Kirby: Gives news of departure of novices to New Zealand. [This letter is not complete, as the second page is missing. It seems obvious, however, that it is from the group now about to leave for New Zealand.] 4pp
567	13 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Clotilde, S. Giacomo alla Lungara, to Kirby: Personal letter of troubles in the convent. [Italian] 2pp
568	13 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. M. Walshe, Assisi, to 'My dear Mons.': Writer gives advice to get in touch with the Provincial or Guardian or to see the General when he is in Rome. Explains own position - is a little bitter regarding treatment of priests 'on the mission abroad', and particularly in Sydney. Sends compliments to Sir Patrick Jennings and his wife. 4pp
569	15 November 1887	Holograph letter from +J. Colgan, Madras, to Kirby: Encloses draft for one hundred pounds, being balance of Jubilee offering to Pope. 4pp
570	15 November 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding Fr. Duffy, an unhappy young priest now in hospital in Rome [see KIR/1887/547 and /556]. Encloses holograph letter from Flanagan, Granard. Cannot accept financial responsibility for him. Makes suggestion as to his future. 2 items.
571	16 November 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £42.9.4, being additional Jubilee offering for Pope. 2pp
572	17 November 1887	Holograph letter from Pauline Hehl, London, to Kirby: Personal letter - death of Mother. 5pp

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573	17 November 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: News regarding completion of Mgr. Persico's mission and his retirement to novitiate of his Order in south of Ireland for rest. Affairs in Ireland. 4pp
574	18 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John J. Kelly, Administrator, Foxford, to Kirby: Encloses application of marriage dispensation. 6pp
575	18 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. M. Comerford, Monasterevan, to Kirby: Regarding lace alb made by local Children of Mary and asking Kirby the best way of sending it to the Pope. 4pp
576	18 November 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Regarding contribution to Jubilee Fund. 1p
577	18 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. William Meagher, Rathmines, to Kirby: Long letter regarding beautiful church, goodness and generosity of people, concluding with request for gift from Pope for bazaar. [This letter is dated 1897, but as Dr. Kirby was dead by then, it was obviously a mistake for 1887] 4pp
578	19 November 1887	Holograph letter from +Daniel McGettigan, Armagh, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for 'many kindnesses' and enclosing thirty pounds for Kirby, requesting a Mass. 3pp
579	20 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter. Writer leaves for New Zealand in near future. Would like Kirby's photograph and, if possible, to see him when ship calls at Naples. 4pp

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580	21 November 1887	Holograph letter from Mons. George Dillon, Rome, to Kirby: Writer requests Kirby's help for 'Poor Fr. Duffy' now well enough to leave hospital [See KIR/1887/547, /556 and /570]. Tells of arrangement made with Vincentians, subject to Kirby's approval. 3pp
581	22 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rhoda E. White, Dublin, to Kirby: Sends message to 'Bishop Walsh', calling on way home to Ireland. 1p
582	22 November 1887	Holograph letter from [Giuseppe Pennauti], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 1p
583	23 November 1887	Holograph letter from +James Ryan, Killaloe, to Kirby: Regarding Kirby's inquiry regarding Hendrick family, writer encloses reply from their P.P., Donovan. Suggests arrangements possible for student son. 2 items.
584	24 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Ryan, S. J., Melbourne, to Kirby: Australian news, with particular reference to Catholic paper founded by writer which has 12,000 subscribers in first year. 6pp
585	24 November 1887	Holograph letter from +William FitzGerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Boxes already sent to Kirby but, in accordance with his advice, gift from Bishop and clergy will be addressed to His Holiness. Sorry to read of Fr. Gauldi's death - made friends all over Ireland. 2pp
586	24 November 1887	Holograph letter from Anastasia M. Cullen, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Personal letter - asks for donation for completion of Cathedral. 4pp
587	24 November 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown, to Kirby: Priests and People: A 'Pastoral Letter'. Deals entirely with coming Jubilee of Pope, and asking the Diocese of Cloyne to be generous in giving. 2pp

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588	25 November 1887	Holograph letter from +D. Arciv. Di Tiro, Propaganda, to Kirby: An account of the last audience writer had with the Pope. [Italian] 2pp
589	25 November 1887	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter containing the good news that the young priest has been admitted into the house of the Pallottini [see KIR/1887/547, /556, /570 and /580] - inquiry regarding pensions. Enclosing his circular letter to clergy about feast 8th December. 2 items
590	25 November 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Paul Cullen, Newport, to Kirby: Personal letter. 3pp
591	25 November 1887	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses petition to be presented. 1p
592	26 November 1887	Holograph letter from Giuseppe Pennauhi, Rome, to Kirby: The previous evening the writer had given Cardinal Simeoni a report of their visit to the College. [Italian] 2pp
593	26 November 1887	Holograph postcard from Sr. M. Gabriel, on board ship nearing Plymouth, to Kirby: Thanks and greetings. 2pp
594	26 November 1887	Holograph letter in French from Can. T.H. Albanés, Marseille, to Kirby: Regarding the introduction of the Cause of Anne Madeleine Remuzat. The Bishop of Marseille has received many letters in favour of this servant of God, including many from Italy, Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, Canada, America etc. It is extraordinary how well known Anne Madeleine Remuzat is in Ireland. 2pp
595	27 November 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer requests exact meaning of papal document just received, as some difference of opinion exists. Ireland in bad state. Writer is sure that Mgr. Persico's report will justify them. 3pp

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596	27 November 1887	Holograph letter from Salvatore Dell' Imm. Concep., Sts. Giovanni e Paulo, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
597	27 November 1887	Telegram from Vicar Capitular, Swinford, to Kirby: 'Propaganda orders second recommendation for vacant diocese of Achonry and requires us to forward a nova terna say are the three proposed in former terna ineligible - Vicar Capitular Swinford Ireland.' Includes note in Kirby's handwriting - 'Resp. Affirmativ. 30.11.87 col teleg.' 1p
598	27 November 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John MacMenamin, Stranorlar, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation. Regarding offering for Jubilee. 2pp.
599	28 November 1887	Holograph letter from + William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer hopes to be in Rome about Christmas time, staying at Irish College. Recommends Mr. Keogh of Rathmines, who is on his way to Rome. As Italian Government will permit building of St. Patrick's College church in Rome only if it is the private property of the Augustinians, Irish bishops must stand back from helping. 4pp
600	28 November 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. David O'Connor, C.C., Cahir, to Kirby: Asking for renewal of faculties. 1p
601	28 November 1887	Holograph letter from M. Margherita Tarenghi, Mantellate, to Kirby: Personal. [Italian] 2pp
602	28 November 1887	Holograph letter from [Rufoni], Rome, to Kirby: Writer was unable to reply before to Kirby's invitation, as he has been a little indisposed. [Italian] 2pp
603	29 November 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Dungarvan, to Kirby: Sends first photograph taken since his consecration for College library. Regarding Mgr. Persico's visit. State of Ireland. Local news. 2pp

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604	30 November 1887	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer fancies that his last letter did not arrive as he has received no reply. Irish and diocesan news. 2pp
605	1 December 1887	Holograph letter, from G. Arcid. Mattei, Tivoli, to Kirby: Acknowledges 90 lira. Personal letter. [Italian] 1p
606	1 December 1887	Holograph letter from Michael G. Mulhall, Buenos Ayres, to Kirby: Regarding 'customary offering' to Irish College. Writer and wife hope to visit Rome again. Argentine Catholic Society sent a deputation to Pope with three thousand pounds as Jubilee gift. Concludes with local and personal news. 3pp
607	1 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, R.M.S. 'Orijoba', to Kirby: Personal news of self and postulants etc., and their voyage so far. 'In the Mediterranean near Naples'. 8pp
608	1 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Jordan and her companions, 'On Board the "Orijoba"', to Kirby: Personal thanks and news. Sr. M. Jordan is keeping a diary and will send it on to Kirby from Aden. 3pp
609	1 December 1887	Holograph letter from Canon Carmody, Castletown Berehaven, to Kirby: Requests renewal of faculties. 2pp
610	2 December 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. John Ryan, S. J., Melbourne, to Kirby: Regarding new Catholic paper 'Messenger', forwarding bound copy of first volume for Pope. Enclosing petition to Pope for blessing. 2 items
611	2 December 1887	Holograph letter from M. Cerruti, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp

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612	2 December 1887	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer gives news of approaching death of Primate. Asks Kirby's help in obtaining for himself faculties granted conditionally on Primate's death, as otherwise there might be considerable confusion when he died. Includes draft by Kirby on these points and on dispensation for Murphy. [Italian] 2 items
613	3 December 1887	Holograph letter from +John P. Leahy, Newry, to Kirby: Asks for present from Pope for bazaar. Also for privilege of substituting Votive Mass of B.V.M. for Mass of the day, on account of writer's very poor sight. Encloses five pounds which he hopes Kirby will accept. 4pp
614	3 December 1887	Holograph letter from Fr. Stefano du [Castelplanu], [S. Maria degli Angeli] to Kirby: This letter is addressed to 'Reverend Father' and deals with four points. [Italian] 2pp
615	3 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, 'In Bay of Naples', to Kirby: Thanks for gifts of pictures, beads, etc., and gives news of voyage etc. 4pp
616	3 December 1887	Holograph letter from Maggie M. Crofts, 'On board the Orizaba', to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for gifts, including Kirby's photograph. News of voyage, etc. 3pp
617	3 December 1887	Telegram from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Primate dying wishes Pope's blessing. 1p
618	3 December 1887	Telegram from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Poor Primate died at noon 1am without faculties could your Grace have all necessary faculties and dispensation to act without pallium sent by telegram. 1p
619	4 December 1887	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Asks last possible date for the sending of presentations etc., for Papal Jubilee. 4pp

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620	4 December 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Regarding gifts etc., for Papal Jubilee. Gives news of Primate's death on 3 December. 4pp
621	5 December 1887	Holograph letter from Can. T. H. Albanés, Marseille, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude to Kirby, and giving an account of what is happening [see KIR/1887/594]. [French] 1p
622	5 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sister Eustace Eaton, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding material sent for Jubilee, asks Kirby to get it made up for Pope to wear on day. Also sending purple for himself, all woven by their Children of Mary. Note at the bottom of the letter informs Kirby that writer is not the Superior, 'only a simple sister'. 2pp
623	5 December 1887	Holograph letter from Pauline Ch. Hehl, London, to Kirby: Personal letter mostly on spiritual matters. 8pp
624	7 December 1887	Holograph letter from M. Kirwan, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter marked 'Private'. 4pp
625	8 December 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. M.J. McGrath, C.C., Kilkenny, to Kirby: Asking special faculties and renewal of faculties to bless beads etc. 2pp
626	8 December 1887	Holograph letter from George O'Byrne, Nottingham, to Kirby: Sends copy of 'A Nottingham Poet's Credentials'. The writer is the poet in question. 7pp
627	9[?] December 1887	Holograph letter from Hugh Cullen, Liverpool, to Kirby: Encloses £25 for Papal Jubilee. Gives family news. 2pp
628	9 December 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition to be forwarded. 1p

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629	9 December 1887	Holograph letter from +Thomas J. Carr, Melbourne to Kirby: Casket containing names of contributors to Papal Jubilee Fund from Archdiocese of Melbourne is being forwarded. Amount of contributions is £2,000. 3pp
630	10 December 1887	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Dundalk, to Kirby: Details of Primate's death and will. Writer has put three hundred pounds in bank from Raphoe for Irish church in Rome. Asks for Pallium via Archbishop of Dublin, as writer cannot leave Ireland during Month's Mind for Primate. Funeral attended by Protestant Primate. 4pp
631	10 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sister M. Cullen, Newport, Co. Mayo, to Kirby: Asks that Convent of Mercy Altar may be privileged - gives details. 3pp
632	11 December 1887	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for invitation to stay at college, but arrangements have been made to stay with Metropolitan etc., at Hotel Minerva. 3pp
633	11 December 1887	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, Brisbane, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and enclosed copy of Litelli, which he has just received. Describes reception given to the Cardinal, who came to Brisbane to give writer the Pallium, by the Government and the courtesies extended to him etc. Sends Kirby a copy of 'the leading newspaper'. 2pp
634	12 December 1887	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Writer is sending by a friend's hand a little case for the Papal Exhibition. Asks for medal from Pope for a non-Catholic who helped in the production of the gift. Local news. 7pp
635	13 December 1887	Holograph letter from G. Arcid. Mattei, Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 1p

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636	10 December 1887	Holograph letter from Maria Luisa della Visitazione, [], to Kirby: Personal. [Italian] 1p
637	14 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary de Sales Dooner, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Encloses details of two boxes sent to Pope containing Jubilee gifts from Convents of Mercy, Skibbereen and Clonakilty. 2 items
638	15 December 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. David O'Connor, C.C., Cahir, to Kirby: Acknowledging faculties for blessing beads etc., asks for one for enrolling in Scapular. Since last letter, Bishop J. Power is dead and buried. 1p
639	16 December 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Kelly, Administrator, Foxford, to Kirby: Encloses application for marriage dispensation. 1p
640	16 December 1887	Holograph letter from Suor M. Geltrude Carozza, Rome, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude from the Community. [Italian] 1p
641	16 December 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Waterford, to Kirby: Writer gives news of Bishop's death - details of funeral. Protestant Bishop and Archdeacon were present, 'and every business in the city was closed'. Encloses letter to Cardinal Prefect regarding application made to the Holy Father. Sends also cheque for £16 for new Irish church in Rome. 4pp
642	16 December 1887	[Fragment handwritten letter] from [+John MacCarthy], Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Encloses draft for £501.18.9 as Jubilee offering. Gives details of Peter's Pence, etc. 4pp
643	16 December 1887	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Dublin, to Kirby: While 'deeply grateful' for Kirby's invitation, arrangements for accommodation in Rome have already been made. 2pp

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644	16 December 1887	Holograph letter from +J.P. Leahy, Newry, to Kirby: Thanks for the privilege of saying Votive Mass of B.V.M. in place of Mass of the Day. 1p
645	16 December 1887	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses one pound for Mass as indicated, and also newspaper cutting regarding death of writer's four-year-old son. 2 items
646	17 December 1887	Holograph letter from John J. Kenyon, London, to Kirby: Encloses copy of an Address to Mgr. Persico, with explanations, etc. 4pp
647	19 December 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £638.12.6 for Peter's Pence with £10 for Kirby. Regarding articles for exhibition etc. 4pp
648	19 December 1887	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Drumcondra, to Kirby: Greetings. Asks various favours of indulgences, faculties etc. for his Diocese of Roseau Dominica. 4pp
649	21 December 1887	Telegram from Berthe Emlys, Limerick, to Kirby: 'please obtain renewal Midnight Mass permission Bishop approves'. 1p
650	22 December 1887	Holograph letter from Lizzie Brennan, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
651	22 December 1887	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer encloses £678.3.0. as Jubilee offering, also cheque for Kirby personally. 4pp
652	22 December 1887	Holograph letter from +James Ryan, Killaloe, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £1408 for Pope, also £20 from Convent at Birr. 1p

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653	22 December 1887	Holograph letter from Suor M. Elisabetta Norà, Rome, to Kirby: Christmas greetings. [Italian] 1p
654	22 December 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Regarding Papal Jubilee gifts forwarded to Cardinal Schiaffino, 'ad limina' visit. 3pp
655	23 December 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Londonderry, to Kirby: Writer wishes he could be in Rome for the Jubilee. Wishes also that Ireland had sent something really imposing for it. 'There's England with its handful of Catholics, and they are sending forward a grand library which will remain long after the donations in money of the Irish will be forgotten.' No one in Ireland with sufficient initiative - why not have a pilgrimage from Ireland, with just one man from every parish? Mentions Kirby's feast day being on the same day as that of his former classmate, Leo XIII. 4pp
656	23 December 1887	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Encloses application for faculties to give dispensations in marriage cases. 3pp
657	24 December 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Florence, to Kirby: Writer is on his way to Rome for the Jubilee. Unpleasant agitation in Ireland regarding suspected Government intrigue. Hopes Mgr. Persico will contradict this, and has written to him on the subject. Goes on to say that he has a request to make. [Request not identified as last page of this letter is missing] 4pp
658	24 December 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John MacMenamin, Stranorlar, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £345.0.0. from Raphoe to the Pope. Gives details of box being sent for exhibition. 2pp
659	24 December 1887	Holograph letter from E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Writer encloses draft for £112.4.0. for Jubilee from nuns, children etc. 4pp

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660	24 December 1887	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John MacMenamin, Stranorlar, to Kirby: Enclosing list of articles being sent for Pope's Jubilee. 2pp
661	26 December 1887	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Dungarvan, to Kirby: Writer requests faculties and power to appoint parish priests etc. A postscript deals with permission from the convents of the diocese being allowed to reserve the Blessed Sacrament etc.
662	27 December 1887	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Florence, to Kirby: Regarding Irish representation on international committee for Jubilee presentation. Day and time of departure for Rome of writer. Wishes visiting cards printed. State of affairs in Ireland with reference to action of unnamed coadjutor in defiance of 'his chief'. 4pp
663	28 December 1887	Holograph letter from Mary Gertrude, Listowel, to Kirby: Birthday greetings - request for blessing, etc. 3pp
664	28 December 1887	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses draft for a further sixty pounds for Peter's Pence. 2pp
665	28 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sana Armalliani [], Rome, to Kirby: Asking a favour. [Italian] 3pp
666	28 December 1887	Holograph letter from Can. T.H. Albanés, Marseille, to Kirby: Acknowledges with great pleasure Kirby's letter. Gives news of what is happening [see KIR/1887/621 and /594]. [French] 2pp
667	29 December 1887	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Returns Postulation signed. Remarks regarding coming Jubilee. Has intercepted two petitions to Kirby from Dean Byrne, P.P., and Canon Donnelly, P.P. as Kirby, and Pope, too busy just now. 4pp

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668	29 December 1887	Holograph letter from Bishop of Newport and Menevia, Rome, to Kirby: Acceptance by this Welsh Bishop of Kirby's invitation for New Year's Day. 1p
669	29 December 1887	Holograph letter from +E. Knight, [English College], Rome to Kirby: Accepts invitation to dine on New Year's Day. 1p
670	30 December 1887	Holograph letter from Rev. M.F. Howley [Prefect Apostolic], St. John's, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Is sending book on History of Catholic Church in Newfoundland as Jubilee gift to Pope. Regarding sonnets he has written, two of which he encloses. Has not heard from Propaganda regarding claim made by him for Fr. Yore's burse for St. George's Prefecture [See KIR/1887/295], but understands that place is now filled by a student from Harbour Grace. 6pp
671	30 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sac. Michele Rua, Torino, to Kirby: Details regarding the illness of 'Our Father', Don Bosco, who recommends to the Salesians devotion to Mary and frequent Communion. He was able to speak the previous day but the illness is serious and drawn-out. [Italian] 1p
672	30 December 1887	Holograph letter from +A. Butler, S. J., Rome, to Kirby: Writing from the German College, he accepts Kirby's invitation to dinner on New Year's Day, asking what time will it be. 1p
673	30 December 1887	Holograph letter from +James Walshe, Carlow, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £202 for Papal Jubilee. 1p
674	30 December 1887	Holograph letter from Dean O'Connell, Waterford, to Kirby: Asks renewal of enclosed faculties. Greetings. 3pp
675	30 December 1887	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Agnes, Dunedin, to Kirby: Explains necessity for holding bazaar in near future, and asks Kirby for a prize for it. 4pp

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676	31 December 1887	Holograph letter from + C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Greetings. Regarding Jubilee. Encloses drafts for £345 for Peter's Pence and £20 money which came in late. Reminds Kirby of medals mentioned in writer's previous letter. 3pp
677	[1887 or 1888]	Holograph letter from +James Moore, Bishop of Ballarat, [], to Kirby: Introducing 'one of the best Catholics of Australia, Mr. D. Brophy'. He is a Knight of St. Gregory and would like an Audience. 2pp
KIR/1888/		
1	2 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. James Walker, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Best wishes. Asks renewal of faculties for brother. Strange there is no appointment to Raphoe. 5pp
2	2 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Eustace Eaton, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks. Personal and convent news. 4pp
3	3 January 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Edward [McGennis], Belturbet, to Kirby: Writer, who is V.C. of Kilmore, asks information regarding Lenten indult, stating difficulties etc. 3pp
4	3 January 1888	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahony, Toscano, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
5	4 January 1888	Holograph letter from T.H. Kinane, Cashel, to Kirby: Encloses advance copy of his book on St. Patrick, asking Kirby for 'a line of recommendation' which writer will insert after the Preface. 3pp
6	4 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. D. Fogarty, Administrator, Ennis, to Kirby: Regarding Peter's Pence of £1408, from Killaloe and Pontifical Bonds. Writer explains why they are asking for the bonds. Encloses letter to the Coadjutor Bishop of Killaloe from Rev. William Murphy, in this connection, dated 7 July 1887. 2 items

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7	4 January 1888	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, to Kirby: Regarding document not yet to hand. No reply from Mgr. Jacobini regarding conscience matter which is urgent and serious. 3pp
8	5 January 1888	Holograph letter from +V.M. Vesc. [Di Eritrea], to [Rev. Suora]: It is not possible for the writer to do as requested, as he is greatly occupied - some details. A postscript says that he has already told the Cardinal Vicar of the impossibility of him undertaking spiritual direction. [Italian] 1p
9	5 January 1888	Holograph letter from +Thomas J. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Sending by this mail copy of Jubilee edition of Melbourne Catholic Weekly paper, which the Editor would like to have presented to the Pope. The amount of £2,000 is being telegraphed to Kirby for the H.F. 'much the largest ever contributed by an Australian Diocese'. Difficulties regarding Lenten Fast. 4pp
10	8 January 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: Personal letter. Good wishes. Local news etc. 4pp
11	8 January 1888	Holograph letter from [Fannie], Brooklyn, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
12	9 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Eustace Eaton, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asks for 'robe-maker's account' and how it should be paid. 2pp
13	9 January 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Dunne, Hay, N.S. W., to Kirby: Writer acknowledges faculties, but thinks 'usual Lenten Indult is still necessary'. More in this regard. Gives account of state of Diocese, maintaining that external financial help is necessary, and asks Kirby to let Propaganda know this. Local news. 4pp

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14	10 January 1888	Holograph letter from Plowden and Co., Rome, to Kirby: By order of London Joint Stock Bank they hold £2,000 at Kirby's disposal. Includes note in Kirby's writing. 'Given to H.H. on 19 January 1888'. 1p
15	12 January 1888	Holograph letter from H. Cullen, Liverpool, to Kirby: Writer gives news of his wife's death that day, and encloses five pounds for masses for her. 2pp
16	12 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sister Raphael, Los Angeles, to Kirby: Writer tells of anxiety. Convent cannot remain long where it is. Rev. Mother presumably in Rome trying to get things settled, but no word from her - would Kirby help? 4pp
17	12 January 1888	Holograph letter from [L], Vatican, to Kirby: Apologies. Limited number of tickets only. Would Kirby let him know how many required. [Italian] 2pp
18	12 January 1888	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Writer encloses draft for £300 for Pope. Wants two places in Propaganda for two young Australians of promise. Tells of difficulties regarding schools. Diocesan news. Archdeacon Russell has undergone operation on one eye. 4pp
19	13 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph Oliver, Oranmore, to Kirby: Writer gives difficulties. Convent half built, Bank unexpectedly refuses more money. Bills owing. Would Pope help? Situation desperate. 3pp
20	14 January 1888	Holograph letter from Count J.N. Murphy, Cork, to Kirby: Regarding third edition of his book 'The Chair of Peter' enclosing reprints of some press reviews. 2 items

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21	14 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Philip Duffy, Assisi, to Kirby: Personal letter. Thanks. Has taken the pledge and would like professorship for time in college or seminary. Relies on Kirby. 3pp
22	15 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Claver, Oughterard, to Kirby: Asks help for parish which is desperately in need of a Monstrance. 3pp
23	16 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Patrick Callaghan, Middleton, to Kirby: Asks for Papal Blessing on Golden Jubilee of Mother M. Aloysius Cronin. Enclosing devotional leaf with image of Madonna and saint. 2 items
24	16 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: Regarding marriage of Miss Eyre. Dispensation applied for, unbeknownst to Fr. Lee, arrived after couple had married in a Protestant church. Writer allowed them to renew contract, husband giving the promises, in his presence. 4pp
25	17 January 1888	Holograph letter from [unsigned, last page missing], Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks for rescript regarding Privileged Altar etc. Convent of Mercy news. 4pp
26	17 January 1888	Holograph letter from M. Kirwan, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter marked 'Private' asking for loan, giving reasons. 7pp
27	18 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. M. Walsh, Assisi, to Kirby: Gives news of personal difficulties. The New Guardian, Santa Maria degli Angeli, has gone back on contract writer had with Franciscans. Details. 4pp
28	18 January 1888	Holograph letter from +James Walsh, Carlow, to Kirby: Introducing Fr. John Phelan, visiting Rome. 1p

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29	18 January 1888	Holograph letter from William Coleman, Otago, New Zealand, to Kirby: Regarding illuminated frontispiece omitted in first vol. 'N.Z. Tablet' sent for Pope, later sent on by post. Much in praise of Bishop Moran. Trade in bad way. Some leaving for other countries as they cannot obtain work in New Zealand. 4pp
30	19 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter giving general news, etc. 3pp
31	20 January 1888	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for gifts for bazaars etc. - gives detailed account of arrest of priest after his attendance at Month's mind for Primate. 4pp
32	20 January 1888	Holograph letter from Kate M. Barr, Pittsburgh, to Kirby: Personal letter introducing Mr. Graham, a great friend, about to visit Rome. 9pp
33	20 January 1888	Holograph letter from R. Browne, Rome, to Kirby: Thanks for Beatification ticket and dinner invitation. 1p
34	20 January 1888	Holograph letter from +William McCloskey, Louisville, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. Major Kelly and Miss Salmons, friends visiting Rome. 1p
35	22 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Joseph Howley, Longford, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for gift etc., and giving convent news. 3pp
36	22 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Philip Duffy, Assisi, to Kirby: Personal letter. 2pp

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37	23 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Agnes, Kingstown [Dun Laoghaire] to 'Father Denis': Personal letter from his 'affectionate sister' mainly regarding painting for Dominican convent. 4pp
38	24 January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev T.H. Albanés, Marseille, to Kirby: Writer is full of gratitude to Kirby, and his book was but a small mark of thanks. They are fortunate in having the interest of several American bishops, namely Baltimore, Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Further comments etc. [French] 1p
39	24 January 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition and gives diocesan news. 1p
40	26 January 1888	Holograph letter from Alessandro Faticoni, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding the application of the Bishop of Limerick to have Midnight Mass in a private oratory with the congregation making their Communion - this is granted. 3pp
41	27January 1888	Holograph letter from Laura Vaughan, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding tickets etc. 2pp
42	27January 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Naples, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter - gives news of objects for Irish share in Exhibition. 3pp
43	27January 1888	Holograph letter from Mrs. Augustus Maunsell, Rome, to Kirby: Note in third person thanking Kirby and asking for tickets. 2pp
44	27January 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. J. [Hassan], Londonderry, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for five pounds for Fr. McGlynn, as writer is unable to be present at 'the grand national ceremony'. 1p

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45	28 January 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Edward McGennis, V.C., Belturbet, to Kirby: Regarding Lenten Indult. 3pp
46	29 January 1888	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his kindness. Asks news of appointments as soon as possible. Would like Fr. Petit to take him relics of the newly canonized saints, already ordered. 3pp
47	29 January 1888	Holograph letter from +Patrick Duggan, Loughrea, to Kirby: Writer asks renewal of faculties etc. 2pp
48	30 January 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Eustace Eaton, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter. Thanks for pictures. Convent news. 4pp
49	31 January 1888	Holograph letter from Canon MacDermot, P.P., Ballymote, to Kirby: Writer asks for marriage dispensation, the letter being 'authenticated' by +F.J. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway. 4pp
50	c. January 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Edward McGennis, Belturbet, to Kirby: Enclosing letter from the Primate confirming writer's election as V.C. of Kilmore. Bishop Finegan having died on previous 11 November. 3pp
51	1 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary J. Bernard Hackett, Waterford, to Kirby: Personal letter. Convent news etc. 8pp
52	1 February 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Personal letter. Gratitude. Personal and Irish news. 2pp
53	2 February 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Blackrock, to 'My dear Rev. Mother': Having no power to do as she asks, writer advises her to get in touch with Kirby, 'who is most intimate with our Holy Father'. 1p

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54	3 February 1888	Holograph letter from Filippo Tolli, Vaticano, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his invitation for the 5th which, however, he is not able to accept. 1p
55	3 February 1888	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Galway, to Kirby: Canon MacDermot, V.F., P.P. Ballymote, has asked writer to authenticate enclosure and send it to Kirby. Thanks Kirby for cameo from Pope. [See KIR/1888/49] 2pp
56	5 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary de Sales, Newtownforbes, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and request for prayers. 2pp
57	6 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Ignatius of the Immaculate Conception, Tallow, to Kirby: Thanks for calendar of their Order. A request. Convent and local news. 4pp
58	7 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. di S. Geltrude, Capua, to Kirby: Purely personal letter. [Italian] 3pp
59	8 February 1888	Holograph letter from +John Joseph Lynch, Toronto, to Kirby: Writer gives news of the severe illness of Mgr. O'Mahony, who begs prayers. Local news. Details of gifts of 'nuns of Loretto of Niagara Falls' for Papal Jubilee. If given away, they would like the Irish College to have them, as all the nuns are Irish or of Irish descent. Regarding 'bad' priests sometimes reinstated by Rome in parish and cause subsequent scandal. 6pp
60	8 February 1888	Holograph letter from A.M. Astorri, Campofilone, to Kirby: Asks various favours, among them writer would like a Life of St. Patrick in Italian etc. [Italian] 2pp
61	9 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Liguori, Kells, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to break the news of his sister's death to a student, Hugh McGrath - also asks blessing on Community etc. 4pp

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62	9 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius MacMahon, Ennistymon, to Kirby: With approval of her bishop the writer appeals for funds for convent, founded only two years. Would Kirby ask aid of Pope? 3pp
63	9 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M.J. Oliver, Oranmore, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for generous contribution etc., and asks for cameo from Pope for bazaar. 2pp
64	9 February 1888	Telegram from +Edward McGennis, Belturbet, to Kirby: Asking if Kirby obtained power for Bishop to dispense Lenten Fast. 1p
65	10 February 1888	Holograph letter from Harriet Lenihan, Melbourne, to 'Dear Rev. Father': Introducing Miss Bateman, 'one of the leading Catholics in Melbourne', visiting Rome, and asks that 'the enclosed letter' be given to Dr. Kirby, who knows writer's father who is Maurice Lenihan of Limerick. 3pp
66	12 February 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. James Walker, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for faculties. Delighted at choice of Dr. O'Donnell for new Bishop. Wishes new Irish church in Rome was attached to College. Local news mentioning that two priests have been arrested. 6pp
67	13 February 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Introducing Colonel and Mrs. Reddy, two Protestants visiting Rome. 1p
68	13 February 1888	Holograph letter from Eyre G. Ellis, London, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of health as requested by Kirby. 1p

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69	13 February 1888	Holograph letter from Fr. Stefano da [Castgolanni], S. M. degli Angioli [Assisi], to Kirby: Telling of difficulties with Fathers Martin Walshe and Philip Duffy. Includes note in Kirby's writing - 15 February. Ans. Ready to co-operate with you. [Italian] 3pp
70	14 February 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Colgan, Madras, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for Apostolic Benediction etc.. Fears two cases sent to Kirby have gone astray. Gives details of some trouble arising through concordat with Portugal, mentioning 'double jurisdiction'. 4pp
71	14 February 1888	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter, and encloses two petitions for matrimonial dispensations. 1p
72	14 February 1888	Holograph letter from [Patrick O'Donnell], Bishop Elect of Raphoe, Maynooth, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for prayers, etc. 3pp
73	15 February 1888	Holograph letter from J.H. Albanés, Marseille, to Kirby: Writer does not know how to thank Kirby for his last letter with its enclosures - mentions the number of signatures from Ireland for their cause. The Archbishop of Marseille is very sorry that during his short stay in Rome he was so occupied with audiences etc., that it was not possible for him to visit the Irish College. More news about signatures obtained from all over the world. [French] 2pp
74	15 February 1888	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Regarding marriage dispensation. Local news of priests and people arrested. Wishes Pallium sent by returning Archbishop or Bishop. 8pp
75	15 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Laurentia, 'St. Joseph's Asylum', to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks etc. 2pp

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76	16 February 1888	Holograph letter from Carlo Maria Orlandi, S. M., Rome, to Kirby: Change of plan. [Italian] 1p
77	17 February 1888	Holograph letter from T.H. Albanés, Marseille, to Kirby: Thanks. More news of bishops, chiefly Australian and American, responding to the appeal for signatures for the cause. [French] 1p
78	17 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gertrude, Gort, to Kirby: Writer asks for Chalice for use in wards of hospital. 3pp
79	17 February 1888	Holograph letter from +Thomas Nulty, Mullingar, to Kirby: Regarding application for marriage dispensation which writer and Dr. Logue are agreed should not be granted. Gives reasons and details of correspondence with Cardinal Simeoni. News of political prisoners in Tullamore gaol visited by writer. Permission was refused before. 2pp
80	18 February 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. William Byrne, V.G., 'American College', to Kirby: Thanks for ticket and invitation to dinner. 1p
81	18 February 1888	Holograph letter from Bishop Elect Edward McGennis, Belturbet, to Kirby: Thanks for Lenten Dispensation. Regarding coming consecration etc. 3pp
82	18 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Dunedin, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of convent and of writer's activities in Ireland regarding postulants, etc. 12pp
83	19 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Emmeline M. Hildegarde, Princethorpe, England, to Kirby: Introducing Miss Kelly from Dublin, visiting Rome. This Sister was, in the world, known as Emmeline Nimmo. 2pp

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84	19 February 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Porto d'Augin, to Kirby: Difficulty in getting to Rome. 'the relatio' formidable task. Gives election results in West Southwark, where Gladstone and Home Rule now has majority of over 2,000. 3pp
85	20 February 1888	Holograph letter from +M. Naughten, [Bishop of Roseau, Dominica], Mullingar, to Kirby: Writer asks whether his request for faculties for one of his priests was received. Query regarding gift for Pope. Personal news. 3pp
86	21 February 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Anzio, to Kirby: Concerning three applications for marriage dispensations. 4pp
87	21 February 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Londonderry, to Kirby: Regarding position offered writer by Kirby, which he accepts. 1p
88	22 February 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Joseph, Oranmore, to Kirby: Thanks for letter and gift from Pope. 3pp
89	23 February 1888	Holograph letter from +James Ryan, Killaloe, to Kirby: Encloses donation of seven pounds. Asks for renewal of Formula and makes other requests for dispensations etc. 1p
90	23 February 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation. Gives news of state of country. 4pp
91	24 February 1888	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation. Asks for acknowledgement of £2,000 Peter's Pence. 1p

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92	24 February 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petitions. Hopes Kirby received extra £60 Peter's Pence. Asks gift from Pope for bazaar. 3pp
93	24 February 1888	Holograph letter from +Patrick Duggan, Loughrea, to Kirby: Regarding Formula Sexta faculties already applied for, and request from Convent of Mercy regarding Mother Superior. 2pp
94	25 February 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Personal letter. Writer has very poor eyesight. Thinks he has not long to live. Asks prayers. 4pp
95	25 February 1888	Holograph letter from Angelo M. Astorri, Campofilone, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 1p
96	25 February 1888	Holograph letter from P. Germano, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter asking for help. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting - 28 February sent 50 lira. [Italian] 1p
97	26 February 1888	Holograph letter from James Collins, Waterford, to Kirby: Writing from St. John's College, Mr. Collins encloses copy of recommendation from the Rector there, as he asks Kirby's help to be accepted as a priest into the Dublin Archdiocese. Mentions that he is the nephew of the late Dr. Coghlan and first cousin of Fr. Dalton. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting - Ans. Negative. 3pp
98	26 February 1888	Holograph letter from M. Kirwan, Dublin, to Kirby: Purely personal letter. 4pp
99	26 February 1888	Holograph letter from +P.J. Ryan, London, to Kirby: Apparently concerning nun named Sister Carroll. Thinks it prudent to follow Archbishop Riordan's advice, etc. 2pp

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100	26 February 1888	Holograph letter from Mons. George Dillon, Rome, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby's help for young man who apostatized, and now wants to return to the Church and to obtain work outside Italy, the scene of his apostasy. 3pp
101	27 February 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. John Lyster, Sligo, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for congratulations. Asks prayers for himself in new appointment. 3pp
102	28 February 1888	Holograph letter from +M. Naughten, [Bishop of Roseau, Dominica], Mullingar, to Kirby: Writer asks special indulgences for church dedicated to St. Anne - enumerates them. 4pp
103	28 February 1888	Holograph letter from Malachy O'Callaghan, Sydney, to Kirby: Gives some details of needs of Community of St. Augustine's. Asks Kirby to obtain [becomingly] some of the Jubilee offerings to help them build a house, etc. If this is impossible, perhaps a prize from the Pope? 4pp
104	29 February 1888	Holograph letter from E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensations etc., and refers to two more favours to be asked at a future date. 3pp
105	1 March 1888	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Waterford, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation. His own latest petition for faculties not yet answered. 2pp
106	1 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Kirby's niece 'Maggie' and her finances etc. No hope of her recovery. 2pp
107	3 March 1888	Holograph letter from Sir Patrick Keenan, Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing two Protestant friends visiting Rome. 2pp

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108	3 March 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Castlebar, to Kirby: Writer is glad to hear of satisfactory interview of Archbishop Walsh and Bishop of Cork with the Pope. Very ugly rumours regarding Rome and Ireland, which writer answered on every possible occasion, proclaiming that 'Ireland had not a greater friend' in the world than Leo XIII 2pp
109	4 March 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding case of Fr. Philip Duffy, who wishes to become a missionary. Writer asks Kirby to use his influence with the Cardinal Prefect. He would prefer Fr. Duffy to enter an Order but if he will not, then he may go on a parish provided 'he uses the necessary precautions against another fall'. Writer is sorry that Kirby is to lose Dr. Verdon who will, however, add to his former services in Australia. Asks advice regarding visit to Rome. 4pp
110	5 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Edward McCosker, Rahway, N.J., to Kirby: Regarding case of suspended and excommunicated priest, Dr. Edward McGlynn. Writer asks Kirby to get him reinstated and, if possible, called to Rome with the Bishop who accuses him so that the case may be heard. Writer has never known 'so disinterested, hard working priest' as Dr. McGlynn, whose 'sole offence was an act of disobedience which was of very little moment'. 4pp
111	5 March 1888	Holograph letter from +Francis Kelly, Derry, to Kirby: Dr. Hassan has accepted post offered him by Kirby at Irish College. Very inconvenient to his Bishop who is shorthanded anyway, but who has agreed to release him and hopes he will not leave Derry until July. 3pp
112	5 March 1888	Holograph letter from William Kirby [], Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing William Campbell and his daughter, visiting Rome. 3pp

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113	5 March 1888	Holograph letter from D. Giuseppe Gualandi, Rome, to Kirby: Asks for the names of those in charge of the mission to the abandoned deaf-mutes. [Italian] 1p
114	6 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. James Nugent, [Liverpool], to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for picture for the 'poor boys', ['Save the Boy']. 2pp
115	7 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Hallinan, Limerick, to Kirby: Recommending Miss Carroll and Miss Baker, visiting Rome. 4pp
116	8 March 1888	Holograph letter from Lucy.[], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. 2pp
117	9 March 1888	Holograph letter from +James Ryan, Killaloe, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for faculties. Asks dispensation for Superior of Sisters of Mercy, Birr, to remain in office. 1p
118	9 March 1888	Holograph letter from Very Rev. Thomas O'Meara, Ennis, to Kirby: Writer would like gift from Pope for each of the two poor churches, 'two devout but poor congregations' in his parish. Gives details. 3pp
119	9 March 1888	Holograph letter from Mons. Michael Verdon, London, to Kirby: Details of journey from Rome. 4pp
120	12 March 1888	Holograph letter from Maud L. Dorman, [], to Kirby: Writer asks for autograph of Pope and of Kirby. 2pp
121	12 March 1888	Holograph letter from +A. Higgins, Killarney, to Kirby: Enclosing two petitions for matrimonial dispensations. Encloses cheque for £24.5.0., of which £10 is for Kirby. 1p

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122	13 March 1888	Fragment handwritten letter from [no signature], Rome, to Kirby: This letter, from a Franciscan nun, tells of move to Rome of Community. Their case is still going on. Hopes to be under Propaganda etc. 4pp
123	13 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Paris, to Kirby: Regarding book on Leo X111, a grand success although sales have been lost in America through scandals and dislike of many priests for the Holy See. The author, Mgr. O'Reilly, who is writer's brother, is now in debt over it. Personal news etc. 4pp
124	13 March 1888	Holograph letter from +James Ryan, Killaloe, to Kirby: Regarding dispensation requested. 1p
125	13 March 1888	Holograph letter from Mons. Bernard O'Reilly, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter. Tells how he writes weekly letters to the 'New York Sun', in which he endeavours to set forth teaching of Leo X111 and to undo harm done by unnamed 'unhappy author of New York schism' etc. 4pp
126	14 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Philip Duffy, Assisi, to Kirby: Unable to remain at Assisi because of his health, and anxious to make up for the past, writer asks Kirby's help to obtain a mission through Propaganda, saying that his Bishop [Ardagh] agreed and would write to Kirby for his aid. 4pp
127	14 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Cremins, C.C., Piltown, to Kirby: Asks for faculty to bless beads etc. 2pp
128	14 March 1888	Holograph letter from Katherine Quinn, Riverside, to Kirby: Sends Shamrock - reminds Kirby of former letter with enclosures for Pope. 2pp

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129	13 March 1888	Holograph letter from +Francis Kelly, Derry, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £450.6.11 as contribution to Pope, also one for £10 for Kirby. Asks for various faculties to be renewed. 2pp
130	15 March 1888	Holograph letter from [last page missing but from M Naughten, Bishop of Roseau, Dominica], Mullingar, to Kirby: Thanks for faculties. Regrets that 'tableau' sent by nuns has not reached Kirby. Hopes that the Pope saw it. 2pp
131	15 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. James Nugent, Rome, to Kirby: Personal note of acceptance of dinner invitation. 2pp
132	15 March 1888	Holograph letter from Mother Abbess [Franciscan Missionaries of Mary], Rome, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby not to trouble about 'faithless Sr. Raphael' as she is now married. Gives some details. 3pp
133	16 March 1888	Holograph letter from R. von Hoffman, Rome, to Kirby: Declines an invitation to dinner, as writer does not like to leave his wife who is in poor health at present. 2pp
134	17 March 1888	Holograph letter from Patrick O'Donnell, Bishop Elect [Raphoe], Maynooth, to Kirby: Thanks for Brief - asks for Consecration to be on Easter Tuesday, giving reasons. 3pp
134 a	16 [August] 1888	Telegram from Dr. O'Donnell, Maynooth, to Kirby: Telegram reads - 'many thanks please obtain papal permission for consecration Easter Tuesday suppressed holiday grave reasons.' 1p
135	17 March 1888	Holograph letter from M.C. Maher [of St. Mary's Convent], Cabra, to Kirby: Thanking him for gift from Pope etc. 2pp

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136	18 March 1888	Holograph letter from +John McCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Regarding marriage dispensation required. Personal and Irish news. 4pp
137	19 March 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter. Will write again as there are matters about which he wants Kirby's help. 2pp
138	20 March 1888	Holograph letter from Edward McGennis, Bishop Elect [Kilmore], Belturbet, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and documents. Consecration second Sunday after Easter. Asks Kirby to transact business of diocese. Asks advice etc. 3pp
139	20 March 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter. Has written to Fr. Duffy to tell him not to leave Assisi without his express permission. Asks Kirby's advice as to what to do with Fr. D., giving his own opinion. Mentions coming consecration of Bishops of Raphoe, Kilmore and Achonry. Does not intend to come to Rome this year and gives reasons. 2pp
140	20 March 1888	Holograph letter from +William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for gift from Pope to Barryroe bazaar. Mentions Dr. Verdon's leaving for Sydney. 2pp

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141	20 March 1888	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for gift of picture of Our Blessed Lady, brought him by Mother Gabriel. Mentions his late acknowledgement of the gift due to ill health. Asks Kirby's help in serious matter. Secular priests sent petition to Rome [apparently regarding Marists], for writing which a priest has been deprived of his faculties by the authorities in Wellington. Writer explains injustice of this. If Marists have the ear of Propaganda it will be useless for him to write 'even a friendly letter' to the Cardinal Prefect, and in any case he does not wish to interfere in a matter outside his own diocese. He writes to Kirby as he feels that should Propaganda take the part of the authorities in Wellington they 'are on the eve of a very serious crisis indeed'. Irish people feel they have been treated as 'deserving of no consideration by the appointment of three English ecclesiastics of no great merit.. and there is great soreness as regards the handing over of all the good parishes to the Marists in perpetuity.' 4pp
142	21 March 1888	Holograph letter from ['Lily'], Cremona, to 'Virginia': Personal letter. [Italian] 4pp
143	21 March 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding Constitutions of Community at Drumshambo, asking Kirby's advice on various points of which he gives details. 2pp
144	21 March 1888	Holograph letter from M. Teresa Grilli, S. Bernardino, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
145	22 March 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for cameo of Our Lady and for dispensation. 3pp

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146	23 March 1888	Holograph letter from Edie de Witt Jebb, London, to 'Mother Imelda': Personal letter. Has broken a rosary given her by Mother Imelda and would like another. Asks for Masses to be said 'for De Witt, to beg of God if it is His Holy Will to give him the Light of the true Faith'. Encloses two pounds. 4pp
147	23 March 1888	Holograph letter from +John Leahy, Newry, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties for blessing beads etc. 1p
148	23 March 1888	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses two pounds for 30 Masses as indicated. 4pp
149	24 March 1888	Holograph letter from +James Ryan, Killaloe, to Kirby: Regarding Superioress at Birr Convent. 1p
150	26 March 1888	Holograph letter from Rev, J. Hassan, Londonderry, to Kirby: Writer met Mgr. Verdon in Dublin and has seen his Account Book which has made everything quite clear. He himself leaves nearly a thousand pounds besides considerable property to his successor at St. Columb's College. More details of a personal nature. 4pp
151	27 March 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation already forwarded at Christmas, but of which no acknowledgement has been received. 2pp
152	29 March 1888	Holograph letter from +Patrick Duggan, Loughrea, to Kirby: Further details and a correction regarding the continuing in office of 'the superioress in question'. 2pp
153	31 March 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas MacHale, Paris, to Kirby: Encloses 100 franc note to be given to the Pope anonymously. 1p

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154	'Holy Thursday 1888'	Holograph letter from Mons. Michael Verdon, Paris, to Kirby: Has met Dr. Hassan and tried to persuade him to come to the Irish College at once, but without success. [see KIR/1888/150] Personal news. In Rome soon. 3pp
155	'Holy Thursday 1888'	Holograph letter from Suor Maria Pia and Sr. Candida, Tivoli, to Kirby: Two letters from two nuns on the same sheet of paper. Both personal. [Italian] 4pp
156	1 April 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Asking permission for Superioress of Convent of Mercy, Downpatrick, to continue in office. 2pp
157	1 April 1888	Holograph letter from M. Margherita Tarengi, Mantellate, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 2pp
158	2 April 1888	Holograph letter from T.D. Sullivan, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asks help in finding a Rome Correspondent for the newspaper, 'Nation'. A pound a letter and arrangement preferably secret. Need not be Irish or a priest, but must be well informed. Includes handwritten draft of Kirby's reply, in which he recommends Mr. Connellan and gives details. 2 items
159	2 April 1888	Holograph letter from +Joseph P. Byrne, Bathurst, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain marriage dispensation for which he gives details. Encloses draft for thirty-five pounds on account of Mr. Flanagan's pension. Mentions death of Fr. Joseph Horan. Writer has arranged for the Vincentian Fathers to take care of College and Seminary at end of present year. 4pp
160	3 April 1888	Holograph letter from J.H. Thompson, Rome, to Kirby: Acceptance of an invitation 'for Thursday next'. 1p
161	3 April 1888	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahony, Poppi, to Kirby: Personal letter - hoping to be in Rome shortly. 4pp

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162	4 April 1888	Holograph letter from Mons. George Dillon, Rome, to Kirby: Concerned chiefly with the departure for Sydney of the former Vice Rector of the Irish College, Dr. Verdon. Writer is apparently very annoyed that Kirby did not inform him the Vice Rector's appointment before - concerning charge of the Seminary in Sydney. The Vice Rector is a relation of the Cardinal Archbishop, and writer has warned Kirby previously of the evils of nepotism etc. Whole of letter concerns the same subject. 8pp
163	5 April 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding Fr. Philip Duffy - suggests places for him - it would be best if he would go to a religious Order, 'But, if he will not do so, what can I do for him? I fear, he would go to ruin were he to return to Ireland'. Personal news. Consecration of Dr. O'Donnell as Bishop of Raphoe 'on Tuesday last' by the new Primate Dr. Logue. Dr. O'Donnell is only 32 years of age, and writer speaks very highly of him. A postscript asks if Kirby thinks Cardinal Moran would take Fr. Duffy in Australia. 'He has the capacity of being a very useful priest, if he corresponds with God's grace.' 4pp
164	6 April 1888	Holograph letter from Cosina [] Gentili, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter asking for help. [Italian] 2pp
165	7 April 1888	Holograph letter from [], Rome, to Kirby: Authorization by Dr. Michael Verdon to 'Dr. Kirby, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, to endorse all cheques, drafts and bank bills' which come in Dr. Verdon's name to the college. 1p
166	8 April 1888	Holograph letter from Dr. Verdon, Naples Harbour [on board ship], to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
167	10 April 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. William Coffey, Sydney, to Kirby: Personal letter from an old student sent by the hand of St. Clare Bridge, brother of a student. 4pp

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168	10 April 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition to be forwarded. 1p
169	11 April 1888	Holograph letter from Fanny Whelan, Rome, to Kirby: Personal note promising to do all she can to help the nuns, and telling how she fell from a train. 4pp
170	11 April 1888	Holograph letter from Dr. Verdon, 'At Sea', to Kirby: Giving news of voyage so far - also some details regarding certain College accounts etc. 8pp
171	11 April 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius, Tallow, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for the rosaries. Asks for help in buying statue of St. Joseph for the Sanctuary. 4pp
172	11 April 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. E.J. Flanagan, 'S. S. Oregata', to Kirby: Personal letter regarding voyage. 4pp
173	12 April 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Foran, Dromod, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties for three named priests. Personal news. 3pp
174	12 April 1888	Holograph letter from Quintina Sagnori, Rome, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for 10 lira for work done - goods supplied come to a total of 18 lira. Explanation. [Italian] 3pp
175	12 April 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Regarding necessity, as writer thinks, for a visit to Rome - asks Kirby for his approval and that of 'the Cardinal'. 4pp
176	14 April 1888	Holograph letter from P. MacMahon, Rome, to Kirby: Accepts invitation to lunch. 1p
177	15 April 1888	Holograph letter from [Adriano Zenlini], Propaganda, to Kirby: Irish affairs - Galway, Tuam. 1p

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178	16 April 1888	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: Regarding troubles from within the Church and enquiry set on foot after writer's 32 years of work in Australia. Details. 4pp
179	16 April 1888	Holograph letter from M. Teresa Joseph Tynan, Crosshaven, to Kirby: Writer asks for gift of vestments and Chalice from 'treasury of His Holiness'. Convent chapel just built. 4pp
180	17 April 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Encloses £10 for Kirby. Regarding Fr. Philip Duffy and what is best to be done for him. 1p
181	18 April 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Henry Murphy, C.C., Dublin, to Kirby: Imploring help to get some Bishop to help him - perhaps Cardinal Moran of Sydney, shortly to be in Rome. 4pp
182	18 April 1888	Holograph letter from Stefano Franceschetti, [], to Kirby: Applying for post of portiere. [Italian] 1p
183	18 April 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Hartigan, Ontario, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for £33.7.6. which settles writer's debt to Irish College. 4pp
184	19 April 1888	Holograph letter from M. Candida Colomba Falcucci, Perugia, to Kirby: Asking help for the Community. [Italian] 3pp
185	19 April 1888	Holograph letter from E. Butler, [Thilmarnham], to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
186	19 April 1888	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses six pounds for 93 Masses as indicated. 4pp

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187	20 April 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Personal letter. Writer is better in health. Intends making his 'ad limina' visit. 2pp
188	20 April 1888	Holograph letter from Suor. M. Caterina Lorio, [], to Kirby: Thanking Kirby for gift of 15 lira etc. [Italian] 1p
189	21 April 1888	Holograph letter from [Abbadessa] Candida Colomba Falcucci, Perugia, to Kirby: Thanking Kirby for gift of 20 lira etc. [Italian] 3pp
190	21 April 1888	Holograph letter from R. von Hoffmann, Rome, to Kirby: Invitation to dine. 1p
191	22 April 1888	Holograph letter from 'Lily' [], Cremona, to 'Virginia': Personal letter. [Italian] 4pp
192	22 April 1888	Holograph letter from M. Rosa del...[], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 3pp
193	24 April 1888	Holograph letter from Paul Cullen, Liverpool, to Kirby: Encloses draft for seventy pounds, as requested by Dr. Verdon. Personal news etc. 4pp
194	24 April 1888	Holograph letter from Mons. George Dillon, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding Kirby's reply to writer's earlier letter, will not again bother him. What he did was done for the glory of God, etc. 3pp
195	27 April 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Writer asks for renewal of faculties. States wishes as to use of free places in College. Encloses cheque for twelve pounds, of which £10 is for Kirby, and the remainder for Society specified. 4pp

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196	28 April 1888	Holograph letter from Domenico Serafini, Rome, to Kirby: Applying for work, giving reference. [Italian] 1p
197	28 April 1888	Holograph letter from E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation received. 1p
198	30 April 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Dunne, Hay, N.S. W., to Kirby: Encloses petition for a marriage dispensation. Regarding affairs of diocese and urgent need of priests, vestments, etc., and money. 6pp
199	30 April 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. D.J. O'Connor, Rome [North American College], to Kirby: Thanks for letter of sympathy. '..is it not frightful to think of? Everything that man could do was done.' 1p
200	1 May 1888	Telegram from O'Connell [Press Gallery, House of Commons], London, to Kirby: 'Kindly say whether Archbishop Walsh has resigned'. 1p
201	1 May 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Thomas O'Connor, C.P., Rome, to Kirby: Acknowledging 67 intentions with alms and 15/- for Carmelite nuns, etc. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting - 'From Miss Dolphin' 1p
202	2 May 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. T. O'Connell, P.P., Castlemartyr, to Kirby: Enclosing petition for marriage dispensation signed by Bishop MacCarthy. 3pp
203	2 May 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. J. Conway, P.P., Kilmudry, to Kirby: Asks faculties for blessing beads etc. 1p
204	2 May 1888	Holograph letter from Gennaro M. de Curtis [], Naples, to Kirby: Regarding copies of a Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus etc. [Italian] 1p

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205	4 May 1888	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Waterford, to Kirby: Encloses petition in 'very deserving case'. Regarding Roman decision regarding Irish political methods. Irish news and 'small offering' for Kirby enclosed. 4pp
206	7 May 1888	Holograph letter from E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Enclosing petition. 1p
207	8 May 1888	Holograph letter from Ann Carroll, Ontario, to Kirby: Personal letter from a cousin. 3pp
208	8 May 1888	Holograph letter from +James Rogers, Chatham [Canada], to Kirby: Introducing James Reynolds who, with his daughters, is visiting Rome. 3pp
209	9 May 1888	Holograph letter from +John Walsh, London [Ontario], to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Reynolds, visiting Rome. 2pp
210	15 May 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonina, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks for privileges received - further requests, etc. 4pp
211	16 May 1888	Holograph letter from Terence O'Reilly, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan, to Kirby: Query as to whether writer's cousin, Rev. Bernard Smith, is dead. 2pp
212	17 May 1888	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Queries regarding new Bishops and mensal parishes etc. 3pp
213	18 May 1888	Holograph letter from Bro. Theophane, St-Genis-Laval [Rhône], to 'Bishop Gibney of Perth, Australia': Writer regrets inability to accept Bishop's generous offer, as he cannot supply the teachers required. 2pp

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214	23 May 1888	Holograph letter from +T. O'Mahony, Toronto, to Kirby: Details of death and funeral of the Archbishop of Toronto. 6pp
215	23 May 1888	Holograph letter from P. Gordon [], Rome, to Kirby: Writer has received 50 lira from the Bishop of Cloyne, through Kirby, for the 'Società Cattolica', and sends many thanks. [Italian] 1p
216	23 May 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Coffey, P.P., V.G., Tralee, to Kirby: Encloses petition for matrimonial dispensation, giving reasons. 3pp
217	24 May 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Petronilla Francis O'Reilly, Lisbon, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter and present for Convent. 4pp
218	24 May 1888	Holograph letter from +Peter McIntyre, Charlottetown, to Kirby: Introducing the Hon. W.W. Sullivan and his wife, visiting Rome. 2pp
219	25 May 1888	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for faculties. Gives news of Ireland, mentioning the idea many have of the influence of the English Government on the Holy See etc. 4pp
220	28 May 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Modena, to Kirby: Regarding intention of resting on way back to Ireland. Poor state of things at home where it has been left to laymen, writer's own letter being the only word from the Hierarchy. Other Irish news. Encloses cheque for the College. 4pp

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221	29 May 1888	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer is pleased with his Visitation where 2,400 children confirmed within the week, but notes sad state of country. Encloses letter for Cardinal Simeoni. Good influence of Dr. Walsh, Dr. Croke and other Bishops. 4pp
222	30 May 1888	Holograph letter from Centrai Pia [], Vatican, to Kirby: Recommendation of a young man, Cesare Massi. [Italian] 1p
223	2 June 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding petition to retain Superioress of Convent of Mercy, Longford, for further period of office for which no reply has yet been received. Asks favourable reply regarding Ordination, as writer prefers to ordain his own students himself. Regarding state of Ireland, where extreme politicians etc., are 'doing great mischief'. 4pp
224	2 June 1888	Holograph letter from Michael G. Mulhall, London, to Kirby: Writer asks for letters of introduction to Cardinal Gibbon of Baltimore etc., as he has been asked to write book on the United States, and consequently he and his wife will be in America some time. 3pp
225	2 June 1888	Holograph letter from J.H. Thompson, Rome, to Kirby: If Mr. McNamara does not leave on Monday, he may not be able to travel later. [Archivist's note - J.H. Thompson may have been a doctor] 1p
226	2 June 1888	Holograph letter from +T. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Bishops' resolution had a calming effect on the country. Meetings and protests nearly at an end. Men have been cursing the Pope, while women threw his picture out of the window. Regarding decree, great difficulty. 4pp

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227	5 June 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Einsiedeln, to Kirby: On the way home it will be necessary for the writer to visit London in order to have a talk with Cardinal Manning, and some English and Irish public men. Anxious for latest news of Rome. Has seen Bishops' resolutions, and there 'are some points in them' that he does not like. Limerick's 'imprudent' action. Writer has told the Primate the course he himself intends to adopt. Local news. 4pp
228	6 June 1888	Holograph letter from Catherine Quinn, Clonmel, to Kirby: Ladies Committee of St. Mary's Fancy Fair gives new date for the Fair - prospects gloomy - would the Pope help with a gift? 4pp
229	7 June 1888	Holograph letter from +Thomas J. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Whelan, Chief President of the Hibernian Australasian Benefit Society, visiting Rome. Some details. 2pp
230	7 June 1888	Holograph letter from Lorenzo Lugari [Rettore], Rome, to Kirby: Regarding the Triduum in honour of St. John Berchmans in the Church of St. Ignatius, which ends with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Mazzella - Kirby is invited to attend the function. General Communion of students of the Gregorian University, etc. [Italian] 1p
231	7 June 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Teresa Maher, Athy, to Kirby: Thanks for Blessing etc.. Gives details of young nieces who desire to teach in Australia, and asks Kirby for 'some little help' towards their outfit etc. 7pp
232	10 June 1888	Holograph letter from Domenico [Goppi], Tivoli, to Kirby: Reporting on his poor state of health. [Archivist's note - the writer is evidently employed at the College Villa]. [Italian] 1p

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233	11 June 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Michael W. Cornville, Newry, to Kirby: Writer asks for gift from Pope for bazaar to raise money for improvements in Cathedral Church. 3pp
234	11 June 1888	Holograph letter from William [Field], Blackrock, Dublin, to Kirby: Asks gift from Pope for bazaar. Mentions St. John Baptist's Conference. 3pp
235	14 June 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Londonderry, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for being allowed time in which to take a rest before beginning work at Irish College. Irish news. 3pp
236	14 June 1888	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, Brisbane, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. I.F. Oberthur, 'an excellent German Catholic', who has left on a trip to Europe, including Rome. Writer reminds Kirby that it is now five years since he first began asking him to make room for one of his students. He desires him to tell him the terms etc.. He sent two students to Innsbruck, which proved an excellent idea, as they are now both good missionaries, speaking German well, 'available for both Irish and German, and not separating the Germans away from the rest of the flock, as the native German priests have always done'. Writer has now two students at S. Sulpice, in Paris. 1p
237	15 June 1888	Holograph letter from Mons. Bernard O'Reilly, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter. Family news. Mention of Irish happenings. New book writer has begun, etc. 5pp
238	15 June 1888	Holograph letter from [last page missing], Stonington, Conn, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
239	19 June 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for forwarding. Asks relics for altar stones. Also wants faculties regarding absolution from heresy. Irish news. 4pp

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240	19 June 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. P.A. Treacy, Burlington, to Kirby: Writer sends three presentation copies of his brother's new book. Other news regarding brother's books etc. 2pp
241	19 June 1888	Holograph letter from Canon I.H. Albanés, Marseille, to Kirby: Writer hoped to visit Rome and to thank Kirby in person for all his kindness, but he has been obliged to postpone his visit. God continues to bless the Cause in which Kirby is so interested. Gives details. [French] 2pp
241 a	19 June 1888	Holograph letter from +James, Bishop of Maitland, West Maitland, to Kirby: Pastoral letter to 'The Catholic Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Maitland', concerning coming collection for Peter's Pence, etc. A note to the clergy reminds them that the Forty Hours' Devotion will begin as usual in St. John's Cathedral, on Sunday, 1st July. 2pp
242	20 June 1888	Holograph letter from [last page missing], 'Sion Hill', to Kirby: Regarding letter sent on May 1st, to which no reply has been received. Repeats details of requests made therein. Personal news etc. 4pp
243	21 June 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Austin Carroll, New Orleans, to Kirby: Personal letter. Convent and family news etc. 4pp
244	21 June 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Dunedin, to Kirby: Personal letter giving Convent news etc. 8pp
244 a	24 June 1888	Holograph letter from +James Murray, West Maitland, to Kirby: 'Circular Letter to the Clergy of the Diocese of Maitland' - regarding the Forty Hours' Devotion, and giving a list of the churches and dates concerned - gives, in Latin, 'two decrees of the late Plenary Council of Sydney', for their information, as well as copy of the Rescript regarding the Forty Hours Adoration, etc. 2pp

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245	25 June 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Athlone, to Kirby: Thanks for rescript, gives diocesan and Irish news. 4pp
246	25 June 1888	Holograph letter from William [Field], Blackrock, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks for letter. Suggests that if Kirby asked Pope for gift for bazaar all would be well. A request from a 'humble unknown individual' gets lost, etc. 3pp
247	25 June 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Gertrude, Listowel, to Kirby: Writer gives news of death of Mother Mary Augustine Stack. 4pp
248	25 June 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Thanks for kindness during stay in Rome. Irish news. 4pp
249	26 June 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M.E. O'Sullivan, Youghal, to Kirby: Requests loan of point lace rochet or altar-fall, or both worked by girls of industrial Irish Exhibition and sent to the Pope for his Jubilee, as they wish to exhibit it at the Irish Exhibition, Olympia, London. It will be returned. 4pp
250	26 June 1888	Holograph letter from Dr. Michael Verdon, Manly, Australia, to Kirby: Impressions of Australia. Climate delightful, people both prosperous and generous. Food cheap, but everything else dear. Land is around seven pounds a foot. Wages for field labourers 7/6d per day, etc.. Catholics good, frequent Sacraments and enjoy sermons indeed, enjoy sermons so much that they sometimes go to listen to a 'good' Protestant preacher. Every male British subject who has lived in Australia for six months has a vote, if over 21. Regarding buildings, churches not yet very imposing, St. Patrick's College is beautiful, and site magnificent. Writer is sorry that he had to rush away from Rome without an opportunity of explaining things fully to Dr. Hassan. 4pp

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KIR / 1888/		
250 a	2 July 1888	Holograph letter from Isabelle de Bueren, Rome, to Kirby: Knowing Kirby's great charity, writer tells him of the needs of their church and asks his help, etc. [French] 4pp
251	3 July 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding dispensation from meat 'last Friday'. 'Fortunately it arrived too late to have it published throughout the diocese.' The circumstances of the publication of 'the former decree' has aroused such indignation in the country that a feeling of confidence can never be restored, at least during the present pontificate. Gives details mentioning the Duke of Norfolk, private information given to the 'Daily Chronicle' and the issuing of the decree using one-sided information and ignoring advise sought from the writer. Fears Ireland may be brought to same state of mind as Italy, France etc. 4pp
252	4 July 1888	Holograph letter from Isabelle de Bueren, Rome, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude for Kirby's kindness and generosity towards their church of the 'Porta Pia' etc. [French] 2pp
253	5 July 1888	Holograph letter from W.W. Sullivan, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and saying that it will give writer 'much pleasure' to call on Kirby the following morning. 2pp
254	6 July 1888	Holograph letter from D. Romarico Geugi, Rome [Collegio S. Ambrogio], to Kirby: Personal letter marked 'confidential' regarding the bearer, William O'Heara, who has been with them for about five years, giving no cause for complaint. He is intelligent and knows Greek and Latin, but he has no vocation for the religious life or for the priesthood, etc. [Italian] 4pp
255	6 July 1888	Holograph letter from Ursuline Convent, Waterford, to Kirby: Writer reminds Kirby of former request for photograph - gives details - asks for 'Agnus Dei', etc. [last page missing] 4pp

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256	7 July 1888	Holograph letter from Ann Carroll, Ontario, to Kirby: Personal letter from relative, thanking Kirby for photograph, etc. 4pp
257	8 July 1888	Holograph letter from M. Michelina Piacitelli, Rome, to Kirby: Thanking Kirby for his charity, asking for further help, he is never forgotten in either private or communal prayers, etc. [Italian] 1p
258	8 July 1888	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Diocesan news. Bishops' meeting good, with all unanimous. Of late, on account of treatment by Rome considerable dissention. Personal news. Some grumbling regarding Peter's Pence, but writer hopes the result will be as usual. 4pp
259	9 July 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition for forwarding. Pope's 'great letter' is in the 'Record'. Pope has written to the Irish Bishops, expressing good wishes for the country. 3pp
260	9 July 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Celestine Barry, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and convent of Our Lady of Mercy news. 4pp
261	9 July 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Struggling to keep people respectful to Rome, though recent letter makes it difficult - being driven along same road to state of things in Italy and France. Regarding letter copy of which Kirby sent writer. Decree issued without waiting for the information the Archbishop was asked to prepare, etc. 4pp
262	10 July 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Letter of thanks and Irish news. Misgivings as to effect Pope's recent letter will have on country, etc. 2pp

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263	11 July 1888	Holograph letter from Reginald Bridge, London, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding health and describing journey to London via Orvieto, Siena, Florence, etc. 4pp
264	11 July 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for picture. Excitement caused by the publication of recent decrees of Pope now dying down. Gives details etc. 6pp
265	12 July 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Brief, personal letter. 1p
266	14 July 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor George Dillon, Interlaken, to Kirby: Regarding letter for writer at College, will Kirby please keep, as also any others - gives details of business in which he is involved - personal news. [much illegible] 3pp
267	14 July 1888	Holograph letter from +Edward McGennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Writer encloses Peter's Pence £334. Asks for relics, giving reasons. Hopes Pope will not think it necessary to make further pronouncements regarding Irish question, etc. 3pp
268	15 July 1888	Holograph letter from Canon D. Keller, P.P., Youghal, to Kirby: Writer asks for Chalice and Cope and sets of vestments from Jubilee gifts to the Pope. Church with very slender means, etc. 4pp
269	18 July 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. M.F. Howley, Bay St. George, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Very worried because he has received no news of book he wrote and published etc., and went to considerable trouble and expense to have sent to Kirby for the Papal Jubilee - gives details - asks for reply. 4pp

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270	18 July 1888	Holograph letter from Fannie K. Olcott, New York, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece, enclosing letters from brother, etc. 3 items
271	18 July 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Barbara Sr. Germana Floridi, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks, and regarding their 18-year-old nephew Augusto Floridi, etc. [Italian] 2pp
272	20 July 1888	Holograph letter from Lizzie Brennan, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
273	20 July 1888	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation. Irish news. Pope's letter received quietly. Regarding original decree. Hopes of good harvest, etc. 4pp
273	a 20 July 1888	Telegram to Kirby: 'are sending our agents Plowden Company, Rome letter credit two thousand pounds your favour by order Colonial Bank Australasia Melbourne London Joint Stock Bank Ltd.' 2pp
274	21 July 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer encloses £12.13.0., half year's interest on Ardagh McGivney Burse. Asks amount due to College for Fr. Duffy, who is being given a mission 'at least for a time' by Bishop of Down and Connor. Personal news etc. 4pp
275	23 July 1888	Holograph letter from Zelinda Del Trasse [], Arezza, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude and spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
276	24 July 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Dunedin, to Kirby: Introducing the Hon. N. Grace. 4pp
277	24 July 1888	Holograph letter from 'Lily', Cremona, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude etc., personal and spiritual news. [Italian] 5pp

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278	24 July 1888	Holograph letter from +John Edmund Luck, Ponsonby, Auckland, to Kirby: Introducing non-Catholic, Mr. C.C. McMillan, 'one of the leading merchants of Auckland' who is visiting Rome. 2pp
279	25 July 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Antonina, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter, pictures and Apostolic Benediction. Gives personal news. 4pp
280	25 July 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Returns 'enclosed' petition for marriage dispensation with details of girl. Irish news. Eviction etc. 3pp
281	26 July 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Lynch, P.P., Mallow, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation, giving full details. 4pp
282	27 July 1888	Holograph letter from Sister M. Philip, Nottingham, to Kirby: At request of Reverend Mother, Mother Mary Potter, writer thanks Kirby for pictures. Rest of letter concerned with spiritual difficulties. 4pp
283	27 July 1888	Holograph letter from Lillu Visconti, Worms am Rhein, to Kirby: Personal letter - spiritual matters etc. 6pp
284	28 July 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Colgan, Madras, to Kirby: Writer is anxious to know whether the gifts for the Papal Jubilee were ever received, as no acknowledgement has come to hand as yet. 3pp
285	29 July 1888	Holograph letter from Eliza Butler, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 8pp
286	29 July 1888	Holograph letter from Monica Dolphin, Loughrea, to Kirby: Personal letter. Encloses £3.2.6. for Masses as indicated. 4pp

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287	29 July 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Buxton, to Kirby: Writer tells of his poor health - he is now in England to try and cure his chronic rheumatism. Conditions in Ireland regarding evictions, etc.. Some priests have no sympathy for the people. 3pp
288	30 July 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. James Dunphy, Arklow, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for relics for nuns. News of evictions etc. 6pp
289	31 July 1888	Holograph letter from M. Teresa Grilli, S. Bernardino, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 2pp
290	31 July 1888	Holograph letter from Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Galway, to Kirby: Formal request, in the 3rd person, for Kirby to remember the convent in the distribution of vestments. They would like 'a set of valuable white and red vestments'. 1p
291	1 August 1888	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Introducing the Hon. and Mrs. Grace, 'excellent Catholics' etc. 1p
292	2 August 1888	Holograph letter from N. Maher, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer has sent 40 letters to Archbishop of Dublin regarding 'now degraded priest Egan' - gives 'crimes' committed by the priest - writer has lost employment, and if compensation is not received he will publish his 40 letters in Protestant press in the England. Copy of present letter has been sent to the Pope. 3pp
293	3 August 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor George Dillon, Valais, to Kirby: Tells of 200 pages written to Propaganda regarding affairs of Australian Church, especially of 'abuses' etc., in 1886. Regarding 'persecutor' of writer, 'mischievous and idle priest' etc. 4pp

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294	3 August 1888	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Regarding offerings for Masses to be said, perhaps, by 'poor deserving priests' - gives intentions. 3pp
295	3 August 1888	Holograph letter from M. Teresa di Giuseppe, S. Bernardino, to Kirby: Personal letter, thanking Kirby for letter and pictures - spiritual matters. [Italian] 2pp
296	4 August 1888	Holograph letter from William O'Grady, Patrickswell, to Kirby: Encloses pound for Masses as indicated. 4pp
297	5 August 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: Asks for set of gold vestments from jubilee gifts. 4pp
298	6 August 1888	Holograph letter from Belinda del [], to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for Kirby's charity etc., and for the 20 lira he sent through a friend - asks blessing for all her family etc. [Italian] 4pp
299	7 August 1888	Holograph letter from M.A. Kirwan, 'North Circular Road', to Kirby: Personal letter expressing her great gratitude to Kirby for his letter and 'generous gift enclosed', as also for the two little pictures for writer and her sister, etc. 4pp
300	7 August 1888	Holograph letter from E. Nimmo, Tenterden, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks. Canon Rosati is dead. 2pp
301	8 August 1888	Holograph letter from Sister M. Patrick, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter, asking help to secure post as governess in Italy for 25-year-old friend, etc. 4pp
302	9 August 1888	Holograph letter from A.R. Bennett, Aigle, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding book of writer's, etc. 4pp

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303	16 August 1888	Holograph letter from Canon Brosnan, Cahirciveen, to Kirby: Regarding Irish news and writer's proposed visit to Rome. 4pp
304	17 August 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius Walsh, Wexford, to Kirby: Encloses pound for Mass as indicated. 4pp
305	18 August 1888	Holograph letter from M. Walshe, Rome, to Kirby: Enclosing letter for the Cardinal [Moran], not knowing his address in Dublin. Personal news. 3pp
306	19 August 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and gives Irish news. Cardinal Moran etc. 3pp
307	19 August 1888	Holograph letter from Carlo M. Orlando, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter - regarding a certain Angela Renzi who, thinking she was called by God to the religious life, presented herself to the Sisters at Velletri where, however, on account of her age she was not received. She will now visit Kirby, and writer asks him to give her certain advice, not mentioning this letter. [Italian] 2pp
308	20 August 1888	Holograph letter from A.R. Bennett, Aigle, to Kirby: Writer has heard from Mgr. Dillon that his little books have already been presented to the Pope. 2pp
309	23 August 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Recommends stockbrokers, O'Donnell and Fitzgerald or McCann and Naish, as being reliable. Regarding Ireland, 'mischief that has been done through the Roman intrigues is now beyond recall' - Pope's last letter showed 'angry and bitter feeling' - writer's attempt to explain it away etc, etc. 4pp

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310	22 August 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Philip, Limerick, to Kirby: Letter marked 'Personal'. News of St. John's Hospital, where the Little Company of Mary recently opened a new foundation - everything in confusion, etc. Asks Kirby for picture of the Sacred Heart or of St. John the Baptist. Remainder of letter concerned with purely spiritual matters of writer. 6pp
311	23 August 1888	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensations - gives reasons why he refused Fr. Toner permission to collect for African missions in his diocese. 3pp
312	22 August 1888	Holograph letter from Philip Jos. Collins, 'North Circular Road', to Kirby: Writer wishes to become a priest and would like to enter the Irish College - asks advice etc. 3pp
313	25 August 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph of the Resurrection, Loughrea, to Kirby: Asking two novenas of Masses for her sister, Monica Dolphin, who is seriously ill. 2pp
314	25 August 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. P.A. Treacy, Burlington, to Kirby: Sends book for Kirby's acceptance - has asked his 'old pastor' at Nice to write to Cardinal Simeoni as he thinks he could do Church service if he were made Bishop. 2pp
315	27 August 1888	Holograph letter from F.R. Cruise, Dublin, to Kirby: Sends under separate post two bound copies of essay writer has written - explains intention etc. 4pp
316	28 August 1888	Holograph letter from +John Edmund Luck, Ponsonby, Auckland, to Kirby: Introducing Miss Stephenson and her future brother-in-law. Miss Stephenson hopes to be in Rome a year, and writer would be glad if Kirby could find a 'suitable family with whom she could board and lodge'. 3pp

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317	31 August 1888	Holograph letter from J.A. Reynolds, Rome, to Kirby: Enclosing letters of introduction - writer and his family are in Rome on brief visit. 1p
318	2 September 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer asks certificate for his brother, whose marriage Kirby blessed. News of Peter's Pence, etc. 1p
319	2 September 1888	Holograph letter from Enrico Saddi, Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter asking Kirby to recommend him to Mgr. Sebastiani, etc. [Italian] 1p
320	3 September 1888	Holograph letter from Sisters of Mercy, Gort, to Kirby: Formal request, in third person, for Chalice, Monstrance, set of white vestments from jubilee gifts. 2pp
321	4 September 1888	Holograph letter from Bartholomew Teeling, Dinan, to Kirby: Writer recalls that it is now 20 years since he, in his Zouave uniform, used frequently to dine at the Irish College - now wishes to introduce his brother, Luke, who is visiting Rome. 2pp
322	4 September 1888	Fragment handwritten letter from [Canon Brosnan], Caherciveen, to Kirby: Regarding complaints that the writer goes about too much and wastes funds for memorial church. 6pp
323	5 September 1888	Holograph letter from Sister M. Joseph of the Resurrection, Loughrea, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter - writer's sister, Monica Dolphin, is now out of danger. 2pp

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324	6 September 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Regarding Bishops' resolution regarding division of collections between P.P's and C.C.'s. Demands of latter making it necessary. Regarding position in Tuam Archdiocese, the troublemaker, Fr. McPhilpin, etc. Encloses extracts from Diocesan regulations regarding collections etc. 3 items
325	7 September 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. John Ryan, S. J., E. Melbourne, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks regarding 'Messenger' presented to Pope. 4pp
326	7 September 1888	Holograph letter from J. Reynolds, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding writer's failure to procure tickets etc., even on production of Kirby's letter. 2pp
327	10 September 1888	Holograph letter from Fr. Gaetano da Guarcino Guordiano Cappucino, [], to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude, etc. [Italian] 1p
328	11 September 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. D. Ryan, P.P., Fethard, to Kirby: Renews postulation for dispensation. 1p
329	14 September 1888	Holograph letter from +Domenico, Vescovo di Norcia, Norcia, to Kirby: Writer has received through Signorina Quintina Sagnori, 50 lira for Masses to be said by poor priests of his diocese. Expresses gratitude to Kirby for this favour. [Italian] 1p
330	14 September 1888	Holograph letter from Giannandrea di [Cavaliere], Seralo, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude etc. [Italian] 2pp
331	16 September 1888	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Adelaide, to Kirby: After great degradation etc., caused by enemies, writer has been vindicated. Trouble caused by debt on diocese left by predecessor. Asks prayers. 4pp

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332	20 September 1888	Handwritten card from [unsigned], Rome, to Kirby: Regarding the death of Monsignor Santari. [Italian] 2pp
333	21 September 1888	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Regarding work in writer's new office. Describes Bishop Leahy as 'saintly', etc. 3pp
334	22 September 1888	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Introducing new student, Peter Donnelly, to replace student who was delicate and, indeed, for a time had to be put into an asylum. 3pp
335	22 September 1888	Telegram from 'Moore', Rome, to Kirby: 'Accept best thanks expect audience every moment will go Tivoli afterwards.' 1p
336	24 September 1888	Holograph letter from F.R. Cruise, M.D., Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter, thanking Kirby for introductions etc. 3pp
337	25 September 1888	Holograph letter from Luisa M. Santari, Rome, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for his prayers in their sorrow, etc. [Italian] 2pp
338	27 September 1888	Holograph letter from B. Stanislaus White, Rome, to Kirby: It was writer's 'great good fortune' to be able to do anything for Kirby - there is no question of payment. He and Fr. Hickey greatly enjoyed their trip 'last Sunday, notwithstanding our humiliating defeat at the billiard table!' 3pp
339	27 September 1888	Holograph letter from Reginald Bridge, Armagh, to Kirby: Personal letter of some length giving news of writer's health. Travels. Meetings with various people. His brother at Mount Melleray. Hoping to return to Rome to continue his studies in October, etc. 7pp

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340	27 September 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Regarding free place in College for bearer of letter - a postscript asks for remembrance when jubilee gifts are being distributed, giving reasons. 4pp
341	28 September 1888	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer has been asked by nuns at Dundalk to obtain permission for the term of their present confessor, Fr. Clarke, to be extended. Hon. Charles B. Bellow wishes privilege of private oratory with the Blessed Sacrament. Irish news. 6pp
342	29 September 1888	Holograph letter from +Edward Gennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Kilmore and Irish news generally. Asks advice regarding priest withdrawn from mission four years ago by Dr. Conaty, without trial, and there are no papers or record of any kind. Writer thinks 'it is scarcely just to the priest to keep him off the mission' and asks Kirby to mention the case to Propaganda. 4pp
343	30 September 1888	Holograph letter from Edward J. Flanagan, Bathurst, to Kirby: Personal letter. Some details regarding present life. Met Mgr. O'Bryen of Rome. Has heard from Fr. O'Callaghan etc. 4pp
344	1 October 1888	Holograph letter from E.J. Flanagan, Bathurst, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Gell, a young student from Bathurst on his way to Propaganda. 1p
345	1 October 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation. Local news etc. 3pp
346	2 October 1888	Holograph letter from Elizabeth Haby, Bavino, to Kirby: Personal letter - dictated by Elizabeth to her sister, as former is ill in bed. Asks beads for those she has lost, etc. 4pp

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347	2 October 1888	Holograph letter from +Joseph P. Byrne, Bathurst, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation. Regarding arrival of Ed. Gell, an English student born in Bathurst, for Propaganda. Gives some details of the family. Encloses draft for £49.10.0 which Propaganda requires to be deposited with them for Mr. Gell's return fare to Australia. A second draft, for £25, is for Masses to be said in Irish College for his 'great and good predecessor, Dr. Matthew Quinn'. News of Fr. Flanagan, who is anxious to go to Sydney. The writer believes that this is probably because Dr. Verdon is there. Is being let go. World-wide depression is sweeping over Australia. Collection for Pope 'a complete failure', due to lack of money, and to 'lying cables' regarding papal decree on the Plan of Campaign which deceived people. Lies always reach them first and the truth does not appear until weeks later. Local news. 4pp
348	3 October 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor George Dillon, Firenze, to Kirby: Regarding letter for him in Rome. Asks prayers for work on which he is engaged - lengthy details as to how he came to begin it, but no indication as to what it is. 3pp
349	3 October 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. William Hutch [St. Colman's Coll.], Fermoy, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding translations etc.. Irish news. Bearer of letter is a new student, Edmond Mornane, whom writer praises highly. Asks permission to read books on the Index, etc. 4pp
350	5 October 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Regarding case of Mr. McPhilpin, giving details. Regarding payment of curates - their claims were 'becoming exorbitant and tyrannical'. 4pp
351	5 October 1888	Holograph letter from Sister Mary Paul, Stradbally, to Kirby: Writer asks donation from Pope for orphanage, giving details. Short statement endorsing plea from +James Lynch. 4pp

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352	7 October 1888	Holograph letter from +James Moore, Naples, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for Kirby's kindness during writer's trip to Europe. 2pp
353	8 October 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for documents - it would be as well to suggest to Propaganda that such papers arrived in good time instead of as at present - complaint on same score was made by Cardinal Moran of Australia. Cardinal left last week, writer hopes visit will have good results, if only Rome listens to such disinterested advice instead of that of prejudiced partisans. 4pp
354	9 October 1888	Holograph letter from Sister Mary Paul, Stradbally, to Kirby: Further details of orphanage [see KIR/1888/351], enclosing circular. 2pp
355	10 October 1888	Holograph letter from Sister Mary Gabriel, Kinvarra, to Kirby: Writer reminds Kirby of predecessor's request for share of jubilee gifts, such as a Ciborium, Monstrance, thurible, boat, Chalice, set of white vestments. 5pp
356	11 October 1888	Handwritten letter from [unsigned], [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters, giving 11 points. [Italian] Includes note from Kirby stating that he approves them, but not under pain of sin. 4pp
357	12 October 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Frances Hurley, Fermoy, to Kirby: Writer asks papal blessing for jubilee on 13 November - requests prayers that tenants may be able to pay 'reasonable portion of rents' - local news. 4pp
358	13 October 1888	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Regarding copies of new Office and Decree - formal reply of Irish Bishops to Pope's letter - sympathy with him and protest at Italian Government's action - evictions, etc. 4pp

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359	13 October 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for documents etc.. Regarding Fr. McPhilpin - 'always a most troublesome character' etc. 2pp
360	15 October 1888	Holograph letter from R. von Hoffmann, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter with news of son and illness of wife etc. 3pp
361	17 October 1888	Holograph letter from Il Direttore [Direzione Provinciale della Poste], Rome, to Kirby: Letter from the postal authorities regarding letters being delivered at the College and not forwarded to Tivoli. [Italian] 1p
362	20 October 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. M. Walshe, '3 Fontane San Paolo', to Kirby: Writer returns letters sent him by Kirby, as they are not for him; he does not know the writer, James Hogan. News of Australia. Great praise of monastery where he now lives. Uncomplimentary opinion of Church in Australian colonies, giving details. 4pp
363	22 October 1888	Holograph letter from Sister M. Clare, Naples, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for gifts, etc., and for encouragement in their new work. 2pp
364	24 October 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. William McFeely, Coleraine, to Kirby: Writer gives news of his first appointment - asks advice regarding Association of the Sacred Heart - requests Apostolic Blessing. 4pp
365	30 October 1888	Holograph letter from Teresa M. Barr, Baltimore, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of being called 'in the eleventh hour' to the Order of the Sacred Heart. Local news. Asks Kirby's benediction in new work, etc. 5pp
366	3 November 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor Bernard O'Reilly, Paris, to Kirby: Introducing Fr. Matthew Kelly, C.P., who has received more than 200 converts into the Church in Paris, etc. 2pp

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367	3 November 1888	Holograph letter from A.H. Bennett, Aigne, to Kirby: Personal note - news of brother's death etc. 2pp
368	4 November 1888	Holograph letter from Suor Candida Truberti, Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
369	4 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Agnes Scully, Gort, to Kirby: Writer asks gift and blessing from Pope for bazaar. 4pp
370	5 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Pious, Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. 3pp
371	6 November 1888	Holograph letter from +Joseph Byrne, Bathurst, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain a marriage dispensation, giving details. Would like 'some sets of the many thousand vestments that were among our Holy Father's jubilee offerings'. Quantity rather than quality is needed - not important if they are plain and simple - innumerable small bush stations are in need of vestments. Looking forward to return of Australian Cardinal who, however, will not be greeted by 'the eloquent lay Catholic who bade him farewell as he, Bede Dalley, the most gifted and cultured son of Australia died last week ' 4pp
371 a	6 November 1888	Holograph letter from +James Murray, West Maitland, to Kirby: Encloses petition, asking Kirby to obtain, if possible, 'a dispensation in the case'. Gives reasons. Diocesan news. 4pp
372	7 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Lyons, Castlebar, to Kirby: Writer asks dispensation for a 'peculiar case of' mixed marriage giving details. Would like memento from jubilee gifts for new church. 4pp

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373	8 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick A. Treacy, Burlington, to Kirby: Encloses letter from newly-elected President of the U.S.A., General Harrison in reply to one from writer warning him against 'arch-infidel Ingersoll' etc. Gives details of personal activities in the past regarding politics. 2 items
374	9 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. William McFeely, Coleraine, to Kirby: Forwards intentions for 20 Masses having received too many, and suggests that if Kirby thinks it right 'to give the "honoraria" to some the regular clergy' then that the Vincentian Fathers might be chosen. Mentions previous letter, unanswered, and repeats request for advice [See KIR/1888/364]. 3pp
375	9 November 1888	Holograph letter from Lily M. Sorunzo [], Cremons, to Kirby: Purely personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
376	9 November 1888	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, to Kirby: Regarding instructions contained in Encyclical which writer has not seen - would like a copy, and also for Rome to know the extreme inconvenience caused when such documents are not forwarded. 3pp
377	9 November 1888	Holograph letter from Edward Martyn, Ardahan, to Kirby: Writer asks permission to read and retain books on the Index, and encloses introduction and recommendation from Bishop MacCormack of Galway. 2 items
378	11 November 1888	Holograph letter from 'Fannie', W. Milford, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 5pp
379	12 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Philip, Limerick, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. 7pp

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380	12 November 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer asks prayers and Apostolic Blessing for Mother M. Elizabeth of Drumshambo, 'drawing near her end' - once a Puseyite nun and giving details about her. Hopes to be in Rome after Christmas with Peter's Pence of about two hundred pounds. 4pp
381	12 November 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for dispensation. Local and Irish news. 4pp
382	13 November 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Calgan, Madras, to Kirby: Introducing Colonel H.C. Barnett and his family, visiting Rome. 3pp
383	17 November 1888	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Regarding previous request to Mons. Jacobini for permission to erect Stations, writer asks Kirby to check - requests celebration of 80 Masses before the New Year, etc. 3pp
384	17 November 1888	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses urgent petition with explanation. 2pp
385	17 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for gift from Pope. Local and Irish news. 4pp
386	18 November 1888	Holograph letter from Lillu Visconti, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding writer's health etc. 3pp
387	19 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sister Mary Teresa, Ranelagh, to Kirby: Asks for indulgence for Souls in Purgatory to be gained by praying before the Calvary. 3pp

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388	20 November 1888	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses petition for renewal of privilege of Midnight Mass. 1p
389	20 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. X. Cassidy, New Plymouth, New Zealand, to ['My Lord' but 'not' Kirby, probably writing to a Bishop in Ireland]: Asking receipient to accept enclosed book of tickets, and requesting that the donation which he anxiously expects may be sent either to the 'Rev. Father Superior, Irish College, Rome' or to his own Bishop, Mgr. Redwood of Wellington or to himself. Gives details of New Zealand and the life of missionaries there - 'warlike and dangerous Maoris', earthquakes, volcanoes, forest fires, 'the manners and customs of the aboriginals' etc. 3pp
390	21 November 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Encloses urgent petition for dispensation. 2pp
391	21 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Margherita, [Mantellate], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters enclosing a sort of rule of life. [Archivist's note - Both name of person writing, and name of place have been scored through seemingly by Kirby himself]. [Italian] 2 items
392	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Maria Teresa d. SS. Trinità, Rome, to Kirby: Enclosing a letter which they would be glad if Kirby would translate for them - it is from Dublin and they cannot understand a syllable. [Italian] 2pp
393	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from Maurice Sheehan, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary, to Kirby: Thanking Kirby for his letter, and enclosing petition for dispensation. 2pp
394	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rev Patrick Lyons, Castlebar, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation, together with his Bishop's recommendation. 1p

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395	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from +Hugh Conway, Ballina, to Kirby: Writer encloses cheque for ten pounds for Kirby 'as a small token of gratitude' etc. 2pp
396	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Regarding Fr. Peter MacPhilpin, troublemaker. London trials. Joint reply of bishops to Pope's letter. Mentions 'terrible letter from Cardinal Rampolle'. Untrue report of meeting, etc. 6pp
397	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Clare Elliott, Dublin, to Kirby: Conveys thanks from Sister Antonina for papal blessing - news of her health and of convent, etc. 4pp
398	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sister M. Imelda, Blackrock, to Kirby: Personal letter - asks also renewal of privilege of Midnight Mass. 4pp
399	22 November 1888	Holograph letter from Archbishop Luigi [Ruffo Scilla], Munich, to Kirby: Writer encloses cheque for 5.000 Italian liras or 4.000 marks bequeathed to the Irish College. Thanks Kirby for his letter of the 14th November. [Writer is Luigi Ruffo Scilla, Apostolic Nuncio to Germany - see KIR/NC/2/1888/5]. [Italian] 2pp
400	23 November 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Writer asks for dispensation from vows of Poverty and Obedience for Maria Tierney, a nun whose mind is affected. Diocesan news. 4pp
401	24 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Imelda, Blackrock, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for rescript regarding Midnight Mass. Personal and convent news. 8pp

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402	25 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. Bartholomew A. O'Keeffe, Youghal, to Kirby: Letter giving personal news etc.. Asks for privileged altar. Wishes permission for Sisters of Mercy nuns attached to workhouse to receive Holy Communion at Midnight Mass. 6pp
403	26 November 1888	Holograph letter from Mary Agnes Murray, Waterford, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
404	26 November 1888	Holograph letter from Ellen Kirby, Stonington, Conn, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 8pp
405	26 November 1888	Holograph letter from Rhoda White, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter. Family news. News of friends. 6pp
406	26 November 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor Bernard O'Reilly, Paris, to Kirby: Writer, who is brother to Mrs. Rhoda White, tells of friend's visit to Rome, giving details of him etc.. Personal letter. 4pp
407	26 November 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary J. Bernard Hackett, Waterford, to Kirby: Good wishes for Kirby's birthday etc., from the Community of Rosaline's. Results of convents election. Local and Irish news etc. 6pp
408	27 November 1888	Holograph letter from William P. McNamara, Ballymorris, to Kirby: Personal letter. News of writer's health. His Bishop desires testimonial for Kirby so that he may ordain writer immediately. 4pp
409	30 November 1888	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Regarding loan of priest from Ossory and permission necessary. Thanks Kirby for efforts to obtain dispensation etc. 2pp

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410	1 December 1888	Holograph letter from D. Kepple, Irish College, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter. Family news. Own health improved. Regarding ordination. 2pp
411	1 December 1888	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], [], to Kirby: Regarding application for dispensation. Trouble in a parish, etc. 4pp
412	3 December 1888	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Additional facts for petition enclosed. Parishioners of whom he wrote earlier now submitted entirely [See KIR/1888/411]. 1p
413	3 December 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Enclosing petition for dispensation on behalf of Canon Ryan, P.P. Gives some details of case. 4pp
414	3 December 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Writer forwards petition for dispensation omitted in error from previous letter of same date [See KIR/1888/413]. 1p
415	4 December 1888	Holograph letter from Sister M. Imelda, Sion Hill, to Kirby: Personal letter telling of death of Mother Antonina, etc. 4pp
416	4 December 1888	Holograph letter from Mary Agnes Murray, Waterford, to Kirby: Personal letter. Local news etc. 4pp
417	5 December 1888	Holograph letter from Sister M. Patrick, Dublin, to Kirby: News of death of Mother Antonina etc. 4pp
418	5 December 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacCormack, Galway, to Kirby: Introducing Canon John MacDermot, P.P., V.F. 1p

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419	6 December 1888	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Introducing Canon John MacDermot. 2pp
420	7 December 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses letter for Cardinal Rampolla. Is indignant regarding the Cardinal's letter to Bishops - simply asks justice for his priests, etc. 4pp
421	8 December 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor Bernard O'Reilly, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Mr. Dana's recent visit to Rome, etc. 2pp
422	8 December 1888	Holograph letter from 'Lily', Cremona, to 'Virginia': Personal letter. [Italian] 4pp
423	9 December 1888	Holograph letter from N. Arnulemio, [Rome], to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks to Kirby for his charity. [Italian] 1p
424	9 December 1888	Holograph letter from S. Pia Catti, Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding health of writer and Signora Chiarina. Spiritual matters, etc. [Italian] 4pp
425	10 December 1888	Holograph letter from +A. Higgins, Killarney, to Kirby: Regarding monks' petition to receive Holy Communion at Midnight Mass. 1p
426	10 December 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges receipt of decrees which will be carried out wherever possible. Mentions report in 'Freeman' of meeting, which report was entirely false. Has written to Cardinal Rampolla. 5pp
427	10 December 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Recommending Canon John MacDermott. 1p

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428	11 December 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. B. Duffy, P.P., Ballybay, to Kirby: As writer's Bishop, Dr. Donnelly of Clogher, is at present in France on account of bad health, the enclosed 'supplication' is sent to Kirby for forwarding to the right quarter. 3pp
429	12 December 1888	Holograph letter from [Rev.] Giuseppe Golloni, S. Martino, to Kirby: Asking help for woman whose husband died, leaving her with three children etc. [Italian] 2pp
430	11 December 1888	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Paul Haly, Stradbally, to Kirby: Reminds Kirby of Bishop's appeal for alms for Presentation Convent - in great distress. 3pp
431	13 December 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. F. Costelloe, Ballinasloe, to Kirby: Asks dispensation for mixed marriage, giving details. 3pp
432	13 December 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor George Dillon, Rome, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and enclosures. Glad his parish in Sydney is now in the hands of Vincentians. Mentions own unworthiness and sinfulness. Regarding request for money from 'wealthy friends', etc. 4pp
433	13 December 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding attitude of Rome and Archbishop's fear that Ireland may be forced into position now occupied by countries once 'almost as Catholic' etc. Encloses newspaper cuttings. 4pp

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434	14 December 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to 'Father Howlett': Regarding resentment of people of Ireland on reading newspaper reports regarding Pope's 'refusal' to bless medals - encloses two newspaper clippings. Writer fears that Ireland may go the way of Italy and France unless something is done - such as a formal protest in the 'Osservatore Romano', 'as it publishes so frequently against the inventions of the Italian press'. Suggests that Fr. Howlett 'could prudently make something of all this known, more or less as a matter occurring to your own judgement'. 4pp
435	14 December 1888	Holograph letter from Michael G. Mulhall, London, to Kirby: Writer has decided against going to Washington on account of the rupture between Britain and the U.S.A.. Wife is writing lives of three great men, which she intends publishing in one volume. Cardinal Manning is convalescent. Encloses 'usual Christmas offering' of 250 francs. 2pp
436	15 December 1888	Holograph letter from M.T. Lowry, Abbess, Kenmare, to Kirby: The Poor Clares send five pounds for the 'suffering Sisters at Assisi'. Request privilege of Indulged Altar for new altar of St. Joseph in parish church, etc. 7pp
437	15 December 1888	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Writer has received dispensation etc.. Dr. Commerford has chosen Feast of the Circumcision for his Consecration. How has Pope received joint letter from Irish hierarchy which was signed by all save Bishop of Limerick and Co-adjutor of Clonfert? 3pp
438	16 December 1888	Holograph letter from W.M. Sullivan, Charlottetown, Canada, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks to Kirby for obtaining Audience for writer and wife. 3pp

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439	17 December 1888	Holograph letter from Sac. Cesare, Rome, to Kirby: Asks, in the name of their Superior General of Salesians for help on behalf of their hospice, Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the Via Porte S. Lorenzo, and their orphans, etc. [Italian] 2pp
440	17 December 1888	Holograph letter from Sister Mary Pious, Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding two little sisters who are dangerously ill. 'Signora Chiarina is much better'. Asks for English letters as writer finds that she is losing her English for want of exercise. 4pp
440 a	17 December 1888	Telegram from 'Moran' [Cardinal Moran], Naples, to Kirby: Starting for Rome where we arrive tomorrow morning at seven o'clock.' 1p
441	18 December 1888	Holograph letter from N. Mariani, Vatican, to Kirby: The Holy Father will see Kirby after Mass today. [Italian] 1p
442	18 December 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert Murphy P.P., Drogheda, to Kirby: Writer encloses five pounds for 20 Masses for his intention. Cardinal Moran thinks canonization of Oliver Plunkett will take place shortly, so he wants his memorial church finished before then - gives details, and asks Pope's blessing and some of his jubilee gifts etc. 3pp
443	18 December 1888	Holograph letter from +Edward McGennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Asks for marriage dispensation. Gives news of conditions in Ireland. 2pp
444	18 December 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas McNamara, [Irish College] Paris, to Kirby: Encloses two letters from Mother Dominic of Cabra, one for the writer and one for the Pope, regarding deaf and dumb who have nowhere but the workhouse to go to - asks Kirby to render letter to Pope in suitable form etc. Writer also requests renewal of faculties for himself. 3pp

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445	18 December 1888	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Faculties received. Encloses letter for Cardinal Rampolla. 1p
446	19 December 1888	Holograph letter from W. Kelly, Enniscorthy, to Kirby: Christmas greetings sent with Christmas card. 2 items.
447	22 December 1888	Holograph letter from Suor M. Elisabetta Nora, [Rome], to Kirby: Personal letter of greeting, wishing Kirby every blessing etc., for the coming feast. [Italian] 1p
448	22 December 1888	Holograph letter from S. Biolati, Vatican, to 'Monsignore Rmo' [Kirby]: Permission to attend Audience on 23rd December. [Italian] 1p
449	22 December 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer is doing his best with Roman news. The 'Osservatore Romano' containing a contradiction not to hand. Encloses cutting from 'The Catholic Times', showing real state of public opinion, etc. 4pp
450	24 December 1888	Holograph letter from Rev. I.M. Byrne O.P., Newbridge, to Kirby: Regarding copy of book by writer sent to Kirby under separate cover. 2pp
451	26 December 1888	Holograph letter from Monsignor Angeli, Vatican, to Kirby: Regarding eight Masses requested. Writer also wishes Kirby to know that the Holy Father will attend this evening at 5 o'clock. [Italian] 1p
452	26 December 1888	Holograph letter from Quintina Sagnois, Rome, to Kirby: Writer sends Kirby every blessing of the Divine Child which he merits by his great charity. Takes the liberty of forwarding some of the books printed for priests which he may find useful, etc. [Italian] 2pp

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453	27 December 1888	Holograph letter from V. Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P., Cloyne, to Kirby: Encloses petition on behalf of Mary Kelleher and Patrick Murnane who, although priests and others have tried to dissuade them, are determined on getting married. 1p
454	28 December 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding attitude of Rome toward Ireland. People now think the Pope is 'one of the strongest supporters of their oppressors'. They could not publish the text of the paragraph in the 'Osservatore Romano', as the tone 'was that this gross insult had not been offered to Ireland, and that people should know that the Pope would not act so to 'any' of his children - that is to say, richly as they might deserve it, he would not speak of them so'. However, Kirby now informs writer that the Pope intends making an act of kindness to the Irish Church - 'God grant', continues the letter, 'that this latest communication may give some indication that the Pope knows there are two sides to the Irish question, and that he recognises his duty of speaking out the truth about the rich Catholic oppressors of the poor, as well as about the excesses into which those humble victims of oppression may be led in defending themselves against it'. Writer hopes to be able to post a copy of his Pastoral with reference to the day of thanksgiving to Kirby 'tonight'. The day before he posted 'a strong collective letter on the subject of the Encyclical De Libertate etc., to Cardinal Simeoni' 2pp

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455	29 December 1888	'Pastoral Letter of Archbishop William J. Walsh of Dublin', Dublin, to Kirby: The Pope, in accordance with the wishes of many Bishops etc., has sanctioned Monday, 31 December, as day of celebration of solemn act of Thanksgiving to God in every church throughout the world. Ireland will, of course, take part, though they cannot forget that for many Irish people the past year has been 'in many ways a time of trial and of trouble'. Their prayers, therefore, 'must continue to ascend without ceasing to the throne of God, that He in His gracious mercy may be pleased to bring relief to His suffering poor.' Mentions obligations to God. Turns to the troubles of the Pope. Details of situation in Rome. Gives instructions as to special devotions for the public act of thanksgiving on 31 December - also indulgences to be gained, etc. [Not digitised - printed item.] 12pp
456	29 December 1888	Holograph letter from Mary of the Nativity, 'Nazareth House' [Hammersmith], to Kirby: Personal note. 4pp
457	29 December 1888	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Mainly regarding 'impudent fabrication' regarding Pope, and how Kirby dealt with it. Writer is crippled with rheumatism and 'the only remedy I can now apply is patience'. 3pp
458	29 December 1888	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Mohill, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges rescript. News of diocese. Asks Pope's blessing and also 'some really valuable prize' for his bazaar, etc. 4pp
459	30 December 1888	Holograph letter from P.J. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Long, personal letter from a man who had been compelled to leave the College 42 years previously on account of ill health. 12pp

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460	30 December 1888	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Acknowledges 'most welcome letter' from the Pope, which the writer may read from pulpit 'at the thanksgiving devotion in the Cathedral tomorrow'. Consecration of new Coadjutor of Kildare on 1st January 1889, etc. 4pp
461	31 December 1888	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses Peter's Pence collection, saying 'It may not look so large as that sent from some other Irish dioceses, but in our diocese, the collection is made yearly and in some others it is not so.' 4pp

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1	1 January 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas McNamara, Irish College, Paris, to Kirby: Grateful thanks for gifts from Pope and blessing. Congratulations on Kirby's 86th birthday. Regarding Abbot Smyth and a dispensation. 4pp
2	1 January 1889	Holograph letter from +John Walsh, London, Canada, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. Murray of Toronto. 3pp
3	1 January 1889	Holograph letter in Italian from G. Angeli, Vatican, to Kirby: Seeks to repair an oversight. 1p
4	4 January 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Bernard Gunson, Limerick, to Kirby: Greetings. Asks for share in distribution of papal jubilee gifts and explains needs. 3pp
5	4 January 1889	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, Brisbane, to Kirby: Introducing Charles M. Collins, whom he praises highly. 1p
6	4 January 1889	Holograph letter from +John O'Reily, Port Augusta, S. Australia, to Kirby: Regarding faculties requested through Cardinal Moran, not all to hand. Asks Kirby for help regarding Propaganda's promise to write to the Central Council in Paris in connection with the financial affairs of the new Diocese of Port Augusta. Dr. Murray, sent to Australia the previous March, to hold an inquiry into the state of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, reported that aid must be given from outside. Population of Port Augusta is 9,000 - their debts £17,000. 6pp
7	7 January 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Laurent, Adm., Toronto, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. W.A. Murray and her husband. 2pp
8	7 January 1889	Holograph letter from +Daniel Murphy, Hobart, to Kirby: Acknowledges papal letter for Sisters of Charity. Local news. 3pp

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9	8 January 1889	Holograph letter from +William Lanigan, Goulburn, to Kirby: Personal note, written on back of printed appeal - 5 August, 1887 - to clergy and laity of Diocese of Goulburn for funds for Cathedral Church. 2pp
10	9 January 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Cobh, to Kirby: Congratulations. Papal letter has done much to remove doubts as to sentiments of Pope for the faithful. News of state of things in Ireland, provocation to violence, on which papal letter will have calming effect. Encloses ten pounds for Mass offering. Mentions idea of asking for coadjutor. 4pp
11	9 January 1889	Holograph letter in Italian from G. Angeli, Vatican, to Kirby: Having given the letter into the hands of the Holy Father, the latter has asked the writer to convey his thanks to Kirby for the enclosed £100. 1p
12	10 January 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert Murphy, P.P., Drogheda, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for the promise to try and get something from the Pope for the bazaar in aid of a memorial church to Oliver Plunket. 3pp
13	10 January 1889	Holograph letter from Charles Dawson [ex M.P. and Lord Mayor], Dublin, to Kirby: Writer recalls himself to Kirby: Asserts the most loyal supporters of the Holy See are Nationalists, the 'most flagrant deserters' those most busy in Rome. Contends rich take sides against Church. Gives some details of events in Ireland. Contrasts action of 'Catholic nobility and judges' in Ireland when Cardinal Cullen invited co-operation in cause of Pope with 'our action as a parliamentary party in London' - questions raised in Parliament, vote of sympathy to present Pope. Passes on to the agricultural question, yield and rents of farms, local courts. Work done by Irish M.P.s in English Parliament. Gives his idea of how 'fidelity might be supplemented by power'. Creation of an Irish Parliament. Gives details. 16pp

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14	10 January 1889	Holograph letter from Ella [Blues], Rome, to Kirby: Regarding 'information relative to the 'Peter's Pence of Tuam', she asks Kirby to insert the amount in the account which is enclosed, as this was omitted. 2pp
15	14 January 1889	Holograph letter from George J. Briscoe, Waterford, to Kirby: Writes as Secretary of the Committee dealing with liquidation of debt in connection with St. John's Church - thanks Kirby for promise to try and obtain gift from Pope for their bazaar - mentions good reception to papal letter to Bishops of Ireland. 4pp
16	15 January 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Greetings. Thanks for spiritual privileges obtained. Gives details of how his people went to Confession and Communion, splendid numbers all over Ireland, indeed. Diocesan news. Asks for 'some valuable prize with Apostolic Blessing' from Pope for their bazaar in aid of the completion of the cathedral in Longford. Admiration for recent papal letter to Bishops of Ireland as also for Jubilee Year encyclical. 2pp
17	16 January 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Waterford, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges receipt of cameo from the Pope in aid of St. John's Church. Welcomes recent papal letter to Irish bishops, which he has had read in all his parish churches. Things quiet in diocese. Papal decree and letter from Cardinal Rompallo, published when received, met with respect and reverence. Regarding the Papal Brief appointing him Bishop inadvertently not being read to parish priests, asks for 'Condonatio and Sanatio' of the omission. Asks permission to use for own maintenance small sums given for dispensations. Permission requested to erect Stations of the Cross and for Sisters of Mercy at Cappoquin to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in convent church and orphanage oratory, giving details. 4pp

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18	16 January 1889	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Thanks for letter and picture. Mentions how highly prized are gifts from the Pope. Peter's Pence for 1888 of £145 enclosed, and writer would like papal benediction for people of diocese. Part of diocese 'being wasted by cruel eviction'. 2pp
19	17 January 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Francis Maguire, Dublin, to Kirby: Recommending 'English family named Hutchinson', Catholic wife, Protestant husband who, however, is most generous towards Catholic charities such as schools etc.. 4pp
20	17 January 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. John MacLaughlin, Glasgow, to Kirby: Very grateful thanks for Kirby's 'marvellous goodness' to someone he does not know. Has sent Kirby's letter and that of Secretary of Propaganda to various papers, they will help the book enormously and also further the propagation of the Faith. Would write more but that his arm has been painful for some time. Encloses letter of thanks to Mgr. Jacobini. 4pp
21	18 January 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert Murphy, P.P., Drogheda, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and gift from Pope for bazaar. 3pp
22	19 January 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. R. Mockler, Adm., Waterford, to Kirby: Gratitude for gift and blessing from Pope. 2pp
23	21 January 1889	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Greetings. Country still in unsettled state, gives some details of agricultural troubles. At Bishops' meeting Dr. Walsh charged writer that when latter was in Rome professing to act for him he was, in fact, acting against him, and quoted authority of Cardinal Rompallo - as accusation is false, writer cannot understand how the Cardinal caused the Archbishop to turn on him so bitterly - has not mentioned it, and will not do so, but it will be 'a lesson' to him in future. 4pp

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24	21 January 1889	Holograph letter from, P.J. Jennings, London to Kirby: Gratitude for letter and enclosures. News of sister's death. Sends five pounds, four of which are for Kirby as Mass offerings, and the other one is to go to Fr. Glynn for the new Church of St. Patrick in Rome. 8pp
25	22 January 1889	Holograph letter from +J. MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Encloses 'small expression of grateful and profound veneration' to the Pope. Most of this comes from Catholic poor, and 'little or nothing was given by our Catholic gentry'. Cannot write more, crippled with rheumatism. 3pp
26	23 January 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. W.M. Lee, Bray, to Kirby: Explains delay in writing about 'the chasuble' on account of illness. Impressed by care taken by Pope to allay apprehensions that he was deceived by 'hostile misrepresentations'. The Archbishop has a case before the Courts regarding The Christian Brothers, which 'of course, will be decided against him', but there is hope that his spirited protest against injustice may result in the repeal of the penal clauses of the Emancipation Act. Feels that Salisbury's hatred of the Faith is at bottom of his policy. 4pp
27	23 January 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding Kirby's suggestion that it would be 'unbecoming' to ask Pope for further favours just now. Writer asks if it is not possible for Kirby to send something from the prizes which have been left, so he understands, for him [Bishop Woodlock] to dispose of as he thinks best. Gives details of need. 3pp
28	24 January 1889	Holograph letter from Abbess of Poor Clares, Kenmare, to Kirby: Letter of thanks. 4pp
29	24 January 1889	Holograph letter from Duffarin and Ava [British Ambassador], Rome, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for volume which he will read 'with the greatest interest'. 2pp

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30	26 January 1889	Holograph letter from Teresa M. Barr, Oakland, Pittsburgh, to Kirby: Writer, who is entering Sacred Heart Convent, Kenwood, Albany on 2nd February, begs Kirby to use his influence 'against' the granting of a dispensation for niece to marry her dead sister's widower, should application for same be made. Whole letter is an impassioned appeal for Kirby's help in the matter. 4pp
31	30 January 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to expedite the granting of 'the enclosed', which he regrets having to forward on behalf of his friend, Dr. Hammond, who is afflicted with cataract of both eyes. Mentions manifestations of affection by Pope received well. 2pp
32	31 January 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses drafts for £54.11.3 and £64.12.1 being dividends on Government and Great Northern Railway stock. Looking forward to receipt of presents from Pope. 3pp
33	31 January 1889	Holograph letter from P.J. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for offer of Masses and enclosing 'one or two portraits' so that Kirby can see how the writer looks now, after so many years. 6pp
34	1 February 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation. Jubilee presents not yet to hand. 1p
35	1 February 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gabriel, Denedin, to Kirby: Personal note of gratitude for gifts. 3pp
36	1 February 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. di Ricci, Dunedin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece, giving convent news. 4pp
37	2 February 1889	Holograph letter from Ellen Kirby, Stonington, Conn., to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp

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38	3 February 1889	Holograph letter from + William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and is now awaiting gifts from Pope whose recent letter, he thinks, has had a most beneficial effect'. The people now realize that he is not unfriendly towards 'constitutional and properly conducted struggle for the rights' of the people. Present attitude of Tory Government will never result in peace - future Government must show policy of conciliation. Asks for renewal of faculties. 3pp
39	3 February 1889	Holograph letter in Italian from +G. Card [Bloisi], [Rome], to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his kind invitation to dinner, but regrets that poor health makes it impossible for him to accept. 2pp
39 a	4 February 1889	Holograph letter from Contessa di Camburrano, Fossane Piemonti, to Kirby: Writer has been wanting to write for some time, but has never managed it. She well remembers Kirby's goodness. She has had much unhappiness and has lost two brothers, as well as others. More personal news. 6pp
40	4 February 1889	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for assurance of gifts from Pope being sent - how many? Number omitted. Asks renewal of Formula Sexta, also whether Cardinal Simeoni received a letter from him of 7th January, containing Peter's Pence for £280. 4pp

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41	4 February 1889	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Feels that Kirby does not realize the true feelings in Ireland regarding Roman and Italian affairs. The truth is that, since the 'Persico intrigue with the landlords and the issuing of a Decree on one-sided and admittedly false information', the Irish people have no sympathy with the Pope as regards his 'temporal' difficulties. It is plain that they are the result of 'downright bad management', and could have been put right long ago by 'the exercise of the most ordinary tact'. Writer gives details as to Irish feelings and acts. As regards joint letters, he will not have anything to do with them in future 'except in case of absolute necessity'. Gives reasons. Remarks that, in view of all this, the chances of their taking the trouble to collect signatures and to send a further joint letter are not good. However, 'we have to do what we can to keep our poor people in the best respect we can towards the Holy See'. 4pp
42	5 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Thomas Joseph Power, St. John's, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby's advice regarding marriage contracted three years previously, parties having parted shortly afterwards, the husband returning to his home in Halifax. 'Medical men have been occupied with the case. No power can induce the parties to live together - and both desire that the Holy See declare them free'. Before preparing official documents, writer would like word from Kirby as to possibility of decision in favour of annulment. 'Alarming news' of Pope's illness considered exaggerated 'by a wicked press'. 4pp
43	5 February 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Philip, Little Company of Mary, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter concerned chiefly with spiritual matters. 4pp

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44	5 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Joseph P. Byrne, Bathurst, to Kirby: Regarding offering for Masses writer has asked to be said. In Ireland it would be 2/6, in Australia it is 5/-. In the newly elected Government there are two Catholics, but as the 'No Popery' cry is being raised they are not likely to do much. Orangemen are very strong and, writer fears, are growing stronger. However, the Orange activity has made the Catholics more united and may, therefore, be of benefit to the church. Cardinal's new seminary at Manly Beach is magnificent and cost £70,000. Vincentian Fathers have arrived and are delighted with their new home. Regarding anger of people at reports of Pope's Decree against Plan of Campaign and their consequent refusal to give to Peter's Pence. However, drought came, crops failed, and they could not give, even if they wished to do so. 4pp
45	7 February 1889	Holograph letter from M. Cullen, Liverpool, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp
46	8 February 1889	Holograph letter from +P.J. MacCormack, Galway, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for intimation of gifts from Pope to Galway and also for Encyclical at the close of the Jubilee year. 3pp
47	8 February 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer encloses two petitions for dispensation. Thanks for intimation of 19 gifts from Pope. 2pp
48	8 February 1889	Holograph letter from A.M. Bennett, Aigle Vaudi, [Switzerland], to Kirby: Personal letter. Asks a 'very great' favour, namely, to obtain permission for writer to have photograph made of the 'Volto Santo' of St. Peter's. Recalls that Pope Gregory XVI would not permit pictures to be made of it. 6pp

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49	11 February 1889	Holograph letter from +James Donnelly [Clogher], Cannes, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for announcement of the dispatch of gifts from Pope for Clogher - asks him to acknowledge them 'in the proper quarter'. Writer's health is improving and he hopes to be back at work by the end of March. 2pp
50	13 February 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Waterford, to Kirby: Thanks for letter regarding gifts from Pope - will endeavour to distribute them to the most deserving. Intends having the last Encyclical read in all churches in the diocese. Will try to send one or more students to Irish College, Rome, after discussing the matter with the President of 'our College', where numbers have gone down owing to depression. However, there are still priests from the diocese to be found all over England, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and America. He fears difficulty regarding orders at Pentecost if foreign bishops have not power to dispense their subjects outside their dioceses - special faculties have been obtained for Maynooth and Irish College in Paris. 3pp
51	13 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Thomas I Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. McDonald and his daughter, Mrs. Quirk. 2pp

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52	17 February 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas McNamara, Irish College, Paris, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for indult received. Has seen account of disturbances in Rome. State of Ireland poor and future gloomy. Sends Kirby two books he has written for students leaving Irish College in Paris, one for their own use, the other for the faithful. He notes, in 'Private' that he regrets that Ireland, unlike other Churches all over the world, is not sending Address to Pope. Writer has written to various Irish Bishops, who inform him that the people are so 'fretted on account of the decree about the Plan of Campaign and boycotting' that it 'would be untimely if not worse' to manifest a feeling which in other circumstances they might be expected to have. However, the writer seems to feel that 'going so much with the prevailing agitation' might be harmful, and that the bishops may be allowing themselves to be 'dragged down the precipice'. 4pp
53	17 February 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph, Longford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for gifts, explaining how they were especially valuable. 'little Katie Brennan' returned at Christmas after being home with bad eyes since midsummer and is now able to resume her studies. 4pp
54	18 February 1889	Holograph letter from P.J. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his portrait and picture of Our Lady. Sends copy of 'The Catholic Times' containing account of celebration of St. Agatha's Feast in Rome. Describes his parish church, the Italian Church of Pallotine Fathers in London. 8pp
55	Undated [circa February 1889]	Holograph letter from 'Ireland for the Irish and no Italian Organ Grinders', Dublin, to Kirby: Bitter, anonymous letter regarding Vatican attitude towards Ireland and writer finds it 'curious' that Kirby 'never raised' his voice when his country 'was being traduced by the Vatican Gang, the paid agents of the British Government'. 4pp

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56	18 February 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Grateful for faculties for Dr. Hammond. Anxiously awaiting gifts from Pope. Feels that the country, despite some 'unhappy incidents here and there' is advancing towards peace. 2pp
57	18 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £978.0.0, as Peter's Pence for 1888 from the Diocese. Delighted to learn by a wire that the Holy Father is 'not unmindful of his Melbourne children' when distributing his Jubilee gifts. 3pp
58	19 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges Kirby's letter with a heavy heart, on account of the terrible catastrophe in Gweedore. Unfortunately, the priest concerned did not obey the Bishop when advised to obey the original summons, since he felt, with other Nationalists, that he should not 'facilitate a mean persecution', and he had confidence that he could keep his people under control. The summons was for a few words, so unimportant that they were never reported in a newspaper, spoken to a small gathering of less than 40 people. Since his former imprisonment the man had been as quiet as possible, on the advice of his Bishop, and gave no cause for complaint. However, the Bishop continues. 'I am bound to say that in this sad affair he acted imprudently and apparently lost his head'. Goes on to mention his arrest and the fact that the writer sent a short account of 'the sad fatality' to Cardinal Simeoni and had the act condemned and deplored in several churches, while speaking himself in the Pro-Cathedral. He tells Kirby what he has told no one else, namely, that the people of Gweedore were 'terribly provoked and sinned against that day before this deed of sin and shame was committed'. He fears Rome will get a very bad opinion of what happened. Respect due to religion means that the priest cannot continue as P.P. of Gweedore. Encloses Mass intentions for deceased persons. 4pp

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59	19 February 1889	Holograph letter in Italian from A. [Satsconi], Rome, to Kirby: Regarding privileged altar in a private oratory for Charles Bellew of the archdiocese of Armagh. 1p
60	20 February 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Cobh, to Kirby: Encloses application for marriage dispensation. 2pp
61	20 February 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses petition. Pope's gifts not yet to hand. 2pp
62	21 February 1889	Holograph letter in Latin from Ludovicus Cardinalis, Budapest, to Kirby: Missionary Apostolic, New Plymouth, New Zealand sent writer 20 shares to be invested for building a church and priest's house. Asking him to send Fr. A.K. Cassidy equivalent of these shares in Italian lira through Kirby. Hence he asks Kirby to forward enclosed Bank Note to Fr. Cassidy. 1p
63	21 February 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Imelda, Blackrock, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asks for 'plenary indulgence for the hour of death' for Mrs. Murphy and her family, all extremely good people. News of mutual friends. 4pp
64	23 February 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Magdalene, Clonmel, to Kirby: Personal letter asking prayers for writer's brother who is ill and who has not practised his religion for some time - gives details. 4pp
65	24 February 1889	Holograph letter in Italian from [Abbess] Candida Colomba Falcucci, Perugia, to Kirby: Personal letter telling of needs of community and asking help. 2pp
66	24 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Patrick Duggan, Loughrea, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letters. Looking forward keenly to Pope's gifts. Asks for faculties for marriage dispensations. Hopes the prospective change of Government will have a tranquillizing influence. 3pp

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67	25 February 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Michael Potter, Ipswich, Queensland, Australia, to Kirby: Sends ten pounds to get Masses said for the repose of the soul of his father, who died on 8 January. Details of his wishes. Would like to know how many will be celebrated, as he promised his father that he would have a hundred said for him. 3pp
68	25 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy and Miss O'Brien, visiting Rome. 2pp
69	25 February 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Berchmans Mulhall, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asked her brother to obtain gift from Pope as a prize in 'Grand Drawing of Prizes' - now asks Kirby, giving details. 4pp
70	26 February 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Rescript to hand but, as Kirby surmised, free admission to the public being impossible, Mrs. Gray had to be informed that the concession was useless. Archbishop feels nothing should be done to further the object of the petition. Similar petitions will soon come from other quarters, and the concession could not be granted on a considerable scale 'without the gravest danger'. If this first appeal is unsuccessful it will be considered impossible of attainment, and question will be at rest. News of arrival of Pope's gifts. 4pp
71	27 February 1889	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. Kavanagh, who wishes to establish a small religious community whose members would abstain from intoxicants, flesh and animal products and to have a church built for teetotallers. 3pp

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72	28 February 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Marked 'Private', this letter asks for dispensation in marriage case. Writer says he has substituted recent Papal Encyclical for his own Lenten pastoral. Mentions happenings in Ireland. 4pp
73	29 February 1889	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding arrival of cases - has had to pay over a hundred pounds duty. Writer thinks bishops will grumble though will probably pay in the end. Mentions 'Dublin Review', owned and edited by Bishop Vaughan of Salford, and 'The Tablet', owned by Bishop Vaughan of Salford. Bishop Vaughan has sent the writer 'long letter of apology and regret'. Warning from Propaganda was the result of strong communication from Archbishop Walsh to Cardinal Simeoni. He told the Cardinal the previous year that he would refuse to recognize Dr. Vaughan's claim to immunity from criticism, either as a bishop or as a newspaper proprietor and 'would undertake to bring him to his senses very speedily'. Since writer's open denunciation of 'The Tablet' it has been 'wonderfully tame'. Feels his last letter has very nearly completed the work, though it may take another. 'As for Propaganda, he only laughs at it.' 4pp
74	2 March 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Patrick McCarthy, P.P., Tramore, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation, signed by Bishop. 1p
75	2 March 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Six of the cases from Rome have been opened, and contents found to be most disappointing - small intrinsic value of the gifts individually making an exceedingly poor display when laid out in the hall - some are 'disgracefully shabby', one set of vestments allotted to Dr. Croke being a green set 'patched all over'. Two boxes yet unopened and it is hoped that they will be better. Archbishop is glad that he did not announce his intention to exhibit them. Could not think of doing so now. 'As much as possible will be made of them in the papers in a general way without entering into details'. It is hoped that a new era is dawning for Ireland. 4pp

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76	3 March 1889	Holograph letter from Soeur Marie de Jésus Nimmo, Estayer Convent, to Kirby: Personal letter from Mary Nimmo, giving family news, particularly regarding her own clothing and the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Bennett, and writer's sister who is a nun at Princethorpe in England. [French] 4pp
77	4 March 1889	Holograph letter from Margaret Cullen, Liverpool, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for the vestment which arrived safely and has been forwarded to Sr. Joseph. Regarding money 'given to Dr. Verdon for the maintenance of a clerical student at the Irish College, Rome', Jubilant at part taken in Parnell Commission by 'the holy and learned Archbishop of Dublin'. 4pp
78	4 March 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for faculties and rescripts. 'What an awful tragedy has this unhappy Commission ended in!!... That wretched man has been trading all his life on Secret Societies'. Fenians etc. What a lesson his end ought to teach the dupes of those Societies in Ireland and elsewhere. General meeting of bishops on 20 March, when writer will suggest Address to Pope or a protest, but feels suggestion direct from Kirby to Primate or the Archbishop of Dublin would have more weight. Greetings. 3pp
79	4 March 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Encloses petition for marriage dispensation. Hopes that his student, Mr. Codd, is giving satisfaction. 2pp
80	5 March 1889	Holograph letter from, +John Lyster, Ballaghaderreen to Kirby: Thanks for news regarding sending of papal gifts. Asks advice in case of nun, named Margaret O'Hagan, desiring release from her second vow. She has already has dispensation from others and is now living in Diocese of Shrewsbury, in England out of jurisdiction of the writer and under that of Dr. Knights. 4pp

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81	6 March 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Phelan, P.P., Rathvilly, to Kirby: Writer recalls himself to Kirby: Asks for papal blessing for those helping in any way the building of the new church to be dedicated on St. Patrick's Day, and also 'some token of approval in the way of a present for the magnificent structure'. Gives details of coming dedication. 3pp
82	6 March 1889	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, Cornwall, to Kirby: Writer asks various questions. Whether title 'Our Lady of Light' is authorized - gives details of its use? What approval is necessary, beyond that of the Bishop, when a slight alteration is made in a representation of Our Lady? May writer send 'enlarged photograph' to Pope for approval and blessing? Regarding 'Our Lady of Light' and the Holy Ghost. May picture of de Montfort be placed in their chapel? Regarding graces, cures, vocation etc. - obtained through the intercession of 'Our Lady of Light'. 4pp
83	6 March 1889	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for advice. Asks for Mass for Fr. McGarvey's intention as requested in his Will. More evictions are to come, but trusts that all 'will speedily turn to the glory of His holy Name'. 3pp
84	7 March 1889	Holograph letter from +John Lyster, Ballaghaderreen, to Kirby: Recommending Canon John MacDermott now in Rome, and asking also for special mark of favour for him from Pope, and that Kirby should obtain for him promotion to the doctorate in Divinity. Vouches for his abilities and gives details of his work, as also of his ancestry, his people having been the mainstay of the Faith in the district, and all through persecution managed to have priest to minister to the people. 4pp
85	9 March 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas Allen, Drogheda, to Kirby: Thanks for papal gift to church - hopes that new coadjutor of Sydney, when raised to the episcopacy, will consecrate the church. 4pp

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86	9 March 1889	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding papal gifts, all of which are very shabby. Writer feels Kirby must have had 'strange notions' of condition of Irish Church when he consented to send them. In Dublin alone they could in 24 hours bring together from the city churches a fine show of vestments, far better in every respect than the whole of the papal gifts. Writer has been pressed to include a few dozen of their own vestments, chalices etc. to 'save the Holy Father's reputation', but feared it might get known and thus make matters worse. They are afraid that if they seem to regard them as 'at all respectable', they will thereby 'defame this poor Church of ours at Rome'. Many of the bishops will be very much annoyed. Still, they must make the best of it. 4pp
87	11 March 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer fears there is nothing among the papal gifts for Ardagh - of which he has received an account - suitable as a prize for their Cathedral bazaar. Would Kirby, therefore, get some little thing, perhaps a 'large and handsome medal', presumably medals have been struck for the Jubilee. 3pp
88	12 March 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas O'Mara, P.P., Killimer, Ennis, to Kirby: Encloses gift for church of St. Patrick at Rome. 2pp
89	13 March 1889	Holograph letter from M.J. Lowry, Convent of Poor Clares, Kenmare, to Kirby: Encloses shamrock. In a portion marked 'Private', writer asks if Kirby has heard of the autobiography written by Sr. M. St. C. Cusack - asks prayers for the 'poor misguided creature'. They are 'perfectly silent' on the matter, but writer mentions it to Kirby to secure his prayers. 4pp
90	14 March 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. C.P. Meehan, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby the year in which Cardinal Odescalchi joined the Jesuits. He is reading proofs of sermons which the late James Duffy purchased from Cardinal Wiseman. 2pp

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91	Quinquagesima 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer asks renewal of faculties for four named priests. Pope's gifts not yet arrived but, from description, nothing suitable for Cathedral bazaar and Bishop anxious for Pope's name to head their prize list. Regarding money given for decoration of tomb of Pius IX and names of those who contributed. In a portion marked 'Private' writer mentions Convent of Mercy, Newtown-Forbes, where the nuns wish their present Reverend Mother to continue in office for a further three years, but Bishop feels this unwise and asks Kirby to use his influence, should the nuns petition the Holy See, so that their petition is refused. Contributions for completion of Cathedral coming in well. Sends blessing to his students at the College and asks Pope's blessing on them, himself and all the Diocese. Asks for renewal of faculties for Formula 6, already applied for, and mentions that his 'Quinquennium' ends on the 16th of this month - March. 4pp
92	15 March 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby's help towards the granting of 'the enclosed'. Goes on to mention the charges against the Irish party and hopes that the 'Authorities in the holy city may at length begin to see through the designs' of those who misrepresent that party. 3pp

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93	15 March 1889	'Pastoral Letter of +Bartholomew Woodlock', Longford. Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois. As for last two Sundays the priests and people have been listening to the voice of the Pope 'in the touching words of his Circular of Christmas last', it is not necessary for the Bishop to address them, as is customary at the beginning of Lent. But he feels he cannot 'allow the holy season to pass without some words of instruction and encouragement from him to whom, although most unworthy, God has given the place of 'Shepherd and Bishop of your souls'. Quotes St. Paul 'so stand fast in the Lord'. Mentions that St. Mel, their patron, was 'the first Bishop of the people of Ardagh, or Ardachada'. Speaks of William O'Higgins, Bishop of Ardagh, who laid the foundation of the Cathedral in Longford on 19 May 1840. Gives details of building and delays caused by Famine of 1847, 1848 and 1849. Completion on 24 September 1856, by the 'saintly Bishop Kilduff'. 7pp
94	16 March 1889	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing 'Master Bruce, of our Irish Court of Queen's Bench', visiting Rome. 3pp
95	17 March 1889	Holograph letter from, Camillo dell'Addolorata, Sant'Arcangelo di Romagna [Rimini] to Kirby: Asks a donation to the restoration of the altar of Our Lady of the Visitation at the shrine. [Italian] 2pp
96	18 March 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges the 'really magnificent' Jubilee gifts of the Holy Father. Local news. 2pp
97	19 March 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Angela Maria, Rome, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to give Benediction in their chapel of St. Joseph's Convent, Via Leopardi on this, their Feast Day. 1p

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98	19 March 1889	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for prints of the National Apostle. Writes that the papal gifts 'will be treasured as precious possessions on account of the wonderful goodness' that prompted their sending. Sees from the press that the gold medal for the offering of Beleek pottery was destined for Monaghan, but the writer was a little anxious. Though the medal will probably find its way to Beleek in the end, the Archbishop of Dublin suggests that Bishop O'Donnell writes to Kirby for 'an official correction' although, he adds. 'Of course no public statement is needed'. 3pp
99	19 March 1889	Holograph letter from Ann Carroll, Ontario, to Kirby: Personal letter from a cousin. 4pp
100	19 March 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Personal letter from an old priest who is close on 82. One of his curates, Fr. John Lee, is an ex-student of the Irish College. 7pp
101	19 March 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Francis J. Sheehan, London, S.E., to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby on behalf of St. Mary's Orphanage, Blackheath, for the renewal of the Indulgences. Has made mention of privilege in annual Report of which he sends a copy. Asks for permission to have Solemn Votive High Mass with Gloria and Creed on Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, giving reasons. 4pp
102	20 March 1889	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges receipt of papal Jubilee gifts, a list of which he gives in detail. 'Greatly admired' by all who saw them. Thanks for Papal Indult regarding Masses which settles what was hitherto 'unsettled and a source of uneasiness to Bishops and Priests'. 4pp

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103	20 March 1889	Holograph letter from +Francis Kelly, Derry, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges Jubilee gifts, asking Kirby to extend 'warmest thanks' to the Pope. Asks Kirby to obtain dispensation for writer from 'ad limina' visit, on account of his age. Encloses ten pounds for Kirby. 2pp
104	20 March 1889	Holograph letter from Abbess Candida Colomba Falcucci, Perugia, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for help. [Italian]
105	21 March 1889	Holograph letter from +John Healy, Portumna, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for answers to application for dispensation, which has now been withdrawn by the parties concerned. 2pp
106	22 March 1889	Holograph letter from +T. O'Mahony, Los Angeles, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter. Gives news of own bad health. Repeats request for 'prize' from Pope for his bazaar to be held towards the end of year. For a time the Irish question 'threatened to be a very serious affair' for the people in Canada and America, and 'if the Holy Father were not guided by the Spirit of God in coming to the conclusion he did, I am persuaded hundred of thousands of our poor people would have been lost to the Church'. Personal news. 4pp
107	22 March 1889	Holograph letter from +John P. Leahy, Newry, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for Jubilee gifts. Asks for privileged altar for Sisters of Mercy, Warrenpoint. 3pp
108	23 March 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for 'generous gift to our Cathedral Completion Fund'. Gives details of building of cathedral. Reminds Kirby of promised prize from Pope for their bazaar. States that Address of Bishops of Ireland to Pope was arranged and sent 'last Autumn'. He does not know reason for delay in publication. Hopes Kirby will be pleased with it. 3pp

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109	23 March 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer told Canon Kavanagh to answer the questions on the paper sent by Kirby and to return it to Kirby at once. Asks what happened to the other three petitions for dispensations, from Fr. John Parker, P.P., Glyn; Fr. Patrick Furlong, C.C., Lady's Island and Fr. William Synnott, P.P., Templetown. Encloses ten pounds for Kirby. Thanks for Jubilee presents. Delighted that his student, Mr. Codd, is doing so well - will consider Kirby's proposal, but diocese is in great need of priests at present. 4pp
110	24 March 1889	Holograph letter from P.J. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Since last writing to Kirby has been ill with congestion of lungs, but now better. Sends pound for Masses for his 'wants of soul and body'. Asks Kirby's advice regarding creating a 'free place' in College to make up for the money spent by Diocese of Clonfert on 'his' free place, as he did not become a priest. Has about a hundred pounds, and would add to it from time to time if Kirby will let him know the cost of the whole course. Thinks there is no Roman student in whole of Clonfert diocese. 5pp
111	24 March 1889	Holograph letter from Lor. C. [Schully], Rome, to Kirby: Invites Kirby to the 'Scuola Catechistica di S. Giuseppe', of which writer is the Director, at 3.30 p.m. that afternoon. [Italian] 1p
112	24 March 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Owing to bad treatment of inmates in Fermoy workhouse by officials, the workhouse is now in charge of Srs. of Mercy, who request permission to keep the Blessed Sacrament in their chapel there. Explains safeguards. Religion and morality good in diocese. Judges congratulated Cork at last Assizes. 4pp
113	26 March 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius Jones, Thurles, to Kirby: Much delayed gratitude for Kirby's 'splendid gift' - the 'costly painting' of their Patroness, St. Ursula and her companions. 4pp

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114	26 March 1889	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Dundalk, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for 'package of pictures and prayers in honour of St. Patrick'. Is in Dundalk helping Jesuits in giving a mission, which is well attended, indeed all the 'neighbouring priests both in town and country' will have to be called in to help with the confessions. Priests and people delighted to receive Jubilee gifts which will be treasured since they are from the Pope, though there are already in the cathedral 'ornaments much grander and more valuable'. At recent bishops' meeting in Dublin most of time occupied with finances of Maynooth, and writer thinks there is likely to be 'a good deal of trouble over the money lent by the College on mortgages. 'The evicted farms' in Louth are being taken up by Orangemen from Co. Tyrone, fears it is beginning of Protestant plantation in various parts of the country. Many of 'our poor people will be swept from the country'. 4pp
115	26 March 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Power, Waterford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation, acknowledges receipt of papal gifts which are to be exhibited in the cathedral for a week. 2pp

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116	28 March 1889	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, [British West Indies], to Kirby: Writer encloses copy of letter which he wrote to Mgr. Jacobini on 29 September 1888. In November he wrote also to Kirby, asking him to see to the matter and he has received no reply to either. He is troubled as time is limited. He also wrote when sending report of the Diocese to Mgr. Jacobini asking that in the distribution of vestments etc. his poor impoverished diocese be not forgotten, as they were generally supplied by the pious confraternities in Lyons, Paris and Brussels. This request was also ignored. Writer thinks the Monsignor may be acting in accordance with his words when the Bishop was in Rome - the diocese is so small, a one 'we can't take much notice of it'. If that is so writer thinks it would be better to resign. Gives details of diocese and work done - Catholics almost all Negroes, Indians etc. - the diocese sends what offerings it can, although it is not to be compared with what rich dioceses in other parts of the world can do. Hopes Kirby will forgive him troubling him, but 'in vain does one write to the Propaganda'. 4pp
117	29 March 1889	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for papal gifts duly received and distributed to poor convents. Writes of struggle in Ireland. Effect of Parliamentary Commission has revealed to the world the doings of the present ministry 'in a shameful light'. God is watching over the poor people. 'the feelings towards the Holy See seem to have disappeared and there is a more cordial union between priests and people'. On March 25 they celebrated the 90th birthday of the V. Rev, Dr. Russell, O.P.. Asks for faculties. Mentions many mixed marriages due to English soldiers and sailors frequenting Cork. Also encloses petition for Presentation Sisters. 4pp
118	29 March 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Joseph Oliver, Oranmore, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for the 'magnificent suit of vestments' sent to them at Presentation Convent, Mount St. Joseph's, which will be first used by the Bishop on the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, when he consecrates their new choir. 2pp

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119	2 April 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for telegram. Encloses letter to Pope, but if he ought not to write thus, will Kirby please get the papal blessing for the Bishop, priests and people of the diocese of Ardagh. Completion of cathedral going well. News from Trinidad. 2pp
120	3 April 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses Dr. Meehan's petition with additional information. 1p
121	3 April 1889	Holograph letter from +Hugh Conway, Ballina, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for speed with which he obtained power for writer to remove irregularity incurred by Fr. Joseph Toy who violated the censure imposed on him for indulging too freely in alcohol. Another case has since turned up of a curate denounced 'as guilty of the crime explained in the accompanying communication'. Is anxious to deal successfully with the case because firstly there is no provision for his support in 'this poor diocese' and secondly if disability is removed he would be readily received into religious Order where his services could be of great help. He is 'a smart, active and intelligent young man', and until this complaint there was nothing against him. Thanks for Jubilee gift. Regarding meeting of trustees of Maynooth. 3pp
122	4 April 1889	Holograph letter from + T.A. O'Callaghan, [...], to Kirby: Since he wrote 'the enclosed' [no longer with this letter] writer has received Kirby's letter with marriage dispensations. As regards inquiry as to state of diocese, this is much better than the dioceses of Cloyne and Kerry, where there has been trouble. There has been '... some trouble lately' with the Fenians but writer has reason to believe their power is now broken in Cork. Bishop of Cloyne has taken action against London 'Herald' for libel, and hopes to get sufficient from them to finish his cathedral. Bishop of Kerry has been very ill but is now better. 1p

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123	5 April 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Acknowledges receipt of Pope's prize for bazaar and Kirby's letter. Refers to his previous letter to Kirby: Plans to publish Kirby's letter in the 'Freeman', as he thinks it would be useful to his work. Asks Kirby's prayers. 3pp
124	5 April 1889	Holograph letter from E. Kavanagh, Waterford, to Kirby: Personal letter asking Kirby's help and explaining cause of need. 4pp
125	5 April 1889	Holograph letter from L. Cassell, Rome, to Kirby: Personal note of thanks for Kirby's photograph and for 'that lovely cake'. 1p
126	6 April 1889	Holograph letter from +T. A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Regarding Kirby's request for Cork students for College, while writer will certainly do all he can there are difficulties - free places in Maynooth and Paris, for instance, and most of the students cannot afford to pay the full pension in other colleges. He is most anxious that arrangements be made so that the cleverest of their students get to Rome. Some such arrangement is necessary if they are to have efficient professors in Irish colleges. Recently, every candidate who applied for a professorship at Maynooth was rejected. Those who present themselves are not fit to be the educators of the Irish clergy. Speaks of benefit to students able to measure themselves with those of other countries. Kirby could do much by using his influence with the four archbishops. 3pp
127	6 April 1889	Holograph letter from M. Joseph A. Walshe, Mallow, to Kirby: Recommending Kate Healy and a Miss Lazarus, a Jewess, now in Rome. 2pp
128	6 April 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Carlow, to Kirby: Encloses amended form of application for dispensation and apologizes for his ignorance of such things. 2pp

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129	8 April 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Joseph Cullen, Darlington, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for vestment sent to convent from Jubilee gifts. 2pp
130	8 April 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, [Bishop of Dunedin], Dublin, to Kirby: Writer is in Ireland to obtain more priests and nuns for his diocese, and will then travel to Rome. Has seen the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, who is growing feeble. He told writer that with the exception of a few of the upper class Catholics, English Catholics were all on the side of Ireland. The Pope's interference a year or so ago nearly did 'a vast amount of mischief, if indeed it has not actually done a great deal of harm'. Writer feels certain that 'Parnell's triumph will be signal and glorious', going on to say 'and indeed he deserves such a triumph after all he has suffered at the hands of his opponents'. 2pp
131	9 April 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Encloses petition from Mother Joseph Walshe, niece of late Bishop. 1p
132	10 April 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Acknowledges dispensation - sends three other petitions, re-written, as originals went astray. 1p
133	11 April 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Liguori Byrne, Limerick, to Kirby: Grateful thanks for gifts from Pope - their 700 children have promised to pray for him and for Kirby. 4pp
134	11 April 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Coffey, P.P., Tralee, to Kirby: Asks for reply to application of 8 March for dispensation in favour of two girls, Frances and Sophia Whately, as case is 'a most urgent one'. 2pp

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135	11 April 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Dunne, Broken Hill, New South Wales, to Kirby: Dr. Murray, Bishop of Maitland, will shortly be in Rome and has promised to represent to Kirby and to Propaganda the wants of 'my Diocese of Wilcannia'. As a consequence of the drought some priests will have to be withdrawn unless their income can be supplemented in some way. Regarding the sum of £640 granted the previous year and how it was spent. Cardinal Moran and the Bishops of Maitland, Goulburn and Bathurst have assisted the writer, being so convinced of the limited resources of the diocese. Gives details. Would like Propaganda to arrange for the annual sum to be paid for some years from the Propagation of the Faith Society. Hopes that Wilcannia will be given some portable altars, vestments etc. from the Vatican Exhibition. 2pp
136	11 April 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Chiara Giuseppa Martinetti, [Rome], to Kirby: At the request of the Abbess, writer sends Easter greetings to Kirby and asks his help. [Italian] 2pp

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137	13 April 1889	<p>Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: On behalf of the Archbishop writer sends cheque 'representing usual dividend'. Whole tenor of events in Ireland 'is calculated to grieve one brought up in Rome, who would most ardently desire to see his own affection for and confidence in the Holy See justified to the whole world by facts'. Mentions 'unfortunate letter on the Parnell Testimonial' wherein one of the statements was that crime and outrage were never denounced by the Parnellite party, and goes on to point out that in an English Court 'last week' a 'continuous and relentless denunciation of crime on the part of that same Parnellite Party' was produced before the whole world. Kirby will understand how painful it is to hear Rome charged with acting on one-sided information, of sacrificing justice to political expediency, and to be confronted with a fact like the above 'which makes reply impossible'. In December last the Irish Bishops addressed a joint letter to the Pope, congratulating him on the service done to the Church by his Encyclical 'De Libertate', and protesting against new penal code. The 'Osservatore' has published similar protests from hierarchies of various countries, including that of England and, latterly, it has begun to publish protests from individual dioceses, but no notice whatever has been taken of the Irish hierarchy. How, in face of this, is one to reply to the taunt that Rome takes 'our service, takes our Peter's Pence and other pledges of devotion, but cares nothing for us ...'. Probably the incident is due to an oversight by some official, but such an explanation would be laughed at in Ireland. It will be some time before the Irish bishops address a similar letter to the Pope. Regarding the Jubilee gifts, at a meeting of the bishops at which blank disappointment and astonishment was expressed that 'anything so poor should come to the country as a Papal gift' ... the effect on the people was discussed and how to thank the Pope without implying that the gifts deserved any gratitude. Furthermore, as a result of persevering effort the material of the vestments from Dublin, and probably this applied to the whole country, and of the lining is as prescribed, and 'large success had been attained in generalising the use of Roman vestments'. But hardly a Roman vestment is to be found among the gifts from Rome, while in nearly every case the lining is such as 'it has been deemed a duty to reject here'. In fact, a dealer in vestments who had been trying to force on the priests un-Roman vestments, on seeing the papal gifts, declared that</p>

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138	13 April 1889	Holograph letter from Kate Healy, Rome, to Kirby: Gives four names for which Kirby asked the previous day. 2pp
139	14 April 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Clare Elliott, 19 Eccles St., to Kirby: Personal note giving news of convent. 4pp
140	14 April 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation but queries wording of it and asks whether Propaganda understood the case. 2pp
141	15 April 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Coffey, P.P., V.G., Tralee, to Kirby: Bishop of Kerry asks writer to acknowledge Kirby's note with dispensations in two cases. Bishop is recovering slowly from acute irritation of the throat. 3pp
142	15 April 1889	Holograph letter from +James Donnelly, Monaghan, to Kirby: Thanks for note. Papal gifts. Times Commission will open the eyes of some in Rome. 4pp
143	15 April 1889	Holograph letter from M. Harry Cassell, [Rome], to Kirby: Personal note to Kirby regarding writer's mother, who is seriously ill. 2pp
144	16 April 1889	Holograph letter from Salvatore dell'Immacolata, Santarcangelo si Romagna, to Kirby: Personal letter. Writer cannot find words to thank Kirby for all his goodness. [Italian] 2pp

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145	16 April 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M.J. Berchmans Mulhall, Sandymount, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter, Papal Blessing and cameo, which was a gift from the Pope. 3pp
146	16 April 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation. 1p
147	17 April 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Teresa, Stradbally, to Kirby: Grateful thanks for 'beautiful chalice' from Kirby, which he consecrated for their chapel. 3pp
148	17 April 1889	Holograph letter from +James Donnelly, Monaghan, to Kirby: Regarding Jubilee gifts, a correction in number previously stated, 10 not 9 sets of vestments. 2pp
149	20 April 1889	Holograph letter from +T. A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Regarding distribution of Jubilee gifts in Diocese. News of work done in field of education. Previously 'education of the middle class was in a backward state', but writer has got the Presentation Brothers to build a new college, gave the present school to the Christian Brothers, brought the Ursuline Sisters into the city. Some people, bishops among them, do not like the Christian Brothers being favoured, but writer judges by results, which he enumerates. 4pp
150	20 April 1889	Holograph letter from M. Bernardina, [], to Kirby: Personal note of gratitude and good wishes for Easter. [Italian] 3pp
151	22 April 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition. Thanks for dispensation received and also for Jubilee gifts, which include Chalice and set of gold vestments. 3pp
152	22 April 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Josephine A. Loudon, Rome, to Kirby: Requests 'a few moments audience'. 1p

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153	22 April 1889	Holograph letter from +John McCarthy, Queenstown, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition at request of Canon Rice, P.P. of Charleville. Acknowledges receipt of Jubilee gifts, most welcome owing to lack of money through depression. Reminds Kirby of former letter regarding keeping the Blessed Sacrament in nuns' chapel at the workhouse. 4pp
154	22 April 1889	Holograph letter from Canon Rice, P.P., Charleville, to Kirby: Explaining reason for recommending 'the enclosed'. [This letter most probably accompanied KIR/1889/153] 3pp
155	23 April 1889	Holograph letter from [M. Limbonia Amadio B. Agna] to Kirby: Asks help for the Community. [Italian] 1p
156	24 April 1889 Easter	Holograph letter from P.J. Jennings, London, to Kirby: Expresses extreme uneasiness at no reply to previous letter of 24 March and trusts that Kirby is not ill. 4pp
157	27 April 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Stephen Culhane, Dunfermline, to Kirby: Writer wishes to give St. Margaret a 'better monument to her sainted memory' than she has at present in Scotland, and asks Kirby's advice and help. 2pp
158	27 April 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer encloses ten pounds for Kirby. Mentions letter sent to Cardinal Simeoni regarding resignation of Rev. John Skelly, Parish Priest, on account of ill health, to which he has had no reply, asks Kirby's help. Pope's gifts of Chalice and vestments used by writer for first time on Easter Sunday. Contract of £5,700 for building portico of cathedral has been accepted. Details. 4pp
159	27 April 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Josephine A. Loudon, Rome, to Kirby: Personal note requesting 'again today' a brief interview. 1p

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160	27 April 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Josephine A. Loudon, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter thanking Kirby for advice given that morning and telling him how she had followed it. 2pp
161	28 April 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. John MacDermot, Aix les Bains, to Kirby: Writer has sent three letters to Dr. Hassan, but has received no reply. It may be that Dr. Hassan did not receive the letters, or that 'our mission failed'. If the reason is serious, writer 'cannot conceive what it may be', and thinks he should return to Rome 'to meet the charge' - begs reply by return. Has obtained permission 'with difficulty' to say Mass in [Florence], 'but easily here'. 3pp
162	28 April 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, London, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and for letting him stay at the College while in Rome. Has succeeded in securing 'a large number of students for Dunedin ...', gives details. The Jesuits having resigned their mission in Dunedin, things were very difficult as regards priests, but writer's visit to Ireland has been most successful. 2pp
163	29 April 1889	Holograph letter from [Dean] John Wigmore, Mallow, to Kirby: Writer encloses self-explanatory documents, but gives reasons for alteration in final paragraph. Mentions outstanding reverence for Pope, and gives examples. Also speaks of his own forthright and uncompromising language. 4pp
164	29 April 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for trouble taken over dispensation now received. 1p
165	30 April 1889	Holograph letter from [Abbess] M. Luisa Burattini, S. Cecilia, to Kirby: On 6 May they are having the Forty Hours in the convent chapel and writer would like Kirby to come and celebrate Mass for them on one of the two days. [Italian] 1p

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166	30 April 1889	Holograph letter from Morgan L. Grace, [no address given], to Kirby: Personal letter regarding illness of 'Maude' and Kirby's letter of sympathy. 2pp
167	30 April 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer is grateful for the understanding shown in Kirby's reply to his previous letter. Very little needed on part of Rome to 'preserve unimpaired the devotion and confidence of the people here in the Holy See'. Encloses copy of Bishops' letter, sent to Cardinal Simeoni, as requested. Archbishop now in London in connection with proceedings of the Commission. Fr. Pettit making good progress, and will probably return with the Archbishop. 4pp
168	Undated, but reply sent 30 April 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. James Powderly, P.P., Dunleer, to Kirby: Writer requests renewal of faculties to bless beads etc. and for same faculties for his nephew, Fr. John Greene, C.C.. Encloses five pounds for 20 Masses for repose of the soul of Miss Judith Hardman. Rejoiced to learn of Kirby's promotion to Archdiocese of Ephesus. 35 years since the writer left the College. Primate in excellent health. 3pp
169	1 May 1889	Holograph letter from Dwyer Gray, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer has received duplicate of rescript from Propaganda and presumes that the original was sent to Kirby: 1p
170	1 May 1889	Printed circular from Duke of Norfolk, Mons. Gilbert, Alderman Stuart Knill, London, to Kirby: Regarding 'Personal Testimonial to His Eminence Cardinal Manning, on the Occasion of His Silver Jubilee', giving details of sums received to date. 4pp
171	2 May 1889	Holograph letter from [Abbess] Sr. M. Fedele Messini, Foligno, to Kirby: 'In the always critical circumstances of the times' the writer asks Kirby for help, giving some details. [Italian] 1p

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172	2 May 1889	Holograph letter from +Joseph Higgins, Delvin, to Kirby: Having been appointed Auxiliary to Cardinal Moran of Sydney, writer leaves for Sydney in a few days, hopes to be in Rome en route and would like an Audience. 2pp
173	3 May 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Personal news of 'poor Maggie', a niece of Kirby's. Mentions Bishop as 'very zealous' and 'able' though certain politicians do not like him. Personal news. Fears Kirby may not be able to read the letter as the 'scribble' is because of writer's bad sight. 4pp
174	May 1889	Telegram, to Kirby: 'Please get prayer of Holy Father and all prayers you can for the repose of our Bishop's soul - Kerry'. [Bishop died May 1] 1p
175	3 May 1889	Holograph letter from P. Corcoran, Rome, to Kirby: Regrets inability to accept invitation, but writer will execute 'little commission' entrusted to him. 2pp
176	3 May 1889	Holograph letter from +Edward McGennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Encloses ten pounds for Kirby. Disquieting reports regarding Pope's health. Jubilee gifts highly appreciated in Diocese, 'Their intrinsic value was inconsiderable but as an evidence of the Pope's love for us we regard them as beyond price'. Thought of asking for papal gift for their diocesan college but decided against it. Collection of Peter's Pence to be on last Sunday in June. Asks for faculties for Stations of the Cross. Ireland generally very quiet, but much poverty and emigration. Outlook not encouraging but hope for better times. 4pp

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177	4 May 1889	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Galway, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £220, Peter's Pence. Also £10 for Kirby. Sisters of Mercy, Galway, ask renewal for 7 years of Plenary Indulgence on 2 August for Community and that they may make the visit in convent chapel, not Franciscan church. Writer wishes Mother Mary Joseph Oliver to continue as superioress of Oranmore Presentation Convent for another term. She has been in office 6 years, gives reasons. 4pp
178	4 May 1889	Holograph letter from Henry [O'Bryson], Rome, to Kirby: Extols Father Nugent, giving details of character and work. Nugent has been 41 years continuously on English mission in Liverpool, 23 years Chaplain of Liverpool gaol, great assistance to 'many thousands of poor Irish girls and boys', the Boys' Orphanage' - founded 20 years ago by him - Catholic Institute, Magdalen Asylum, 'The Catholic Times' - 'a thoroughly Catholic newspaper which has supplied Catholic literature to Irish homes all the world over for more than 25 years' is conducted by him, temperance movement etc.. Writer feels Fr. Nugent deserves a papal honour although his 'humility will recoil at honours'. Has known him personally for 35 years. 3pp
179	5 May 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer apologizes for delay in writing, giving reasons. Sr. M. Joseph Loudon has written to him. He is writing to her today but cannot think what advice to give. 'Hers is really a pitiable case.' Gives details. Presentation convent in Tuam is troubled by a Sister who will obey no one, will not go to the Sacraments etc. Goes on the mention 'the apostasy, long threatened of that wretched woman, the Nun of Kenmare'. Has 'unluckily' to give evidence on state of country before the London Commission, but 'has no taste' for such things. 4pp
180	6 May 1889	Holograph letter from Ellen T. Kavanagh, Waterford, to Kirby: Personal letter - writer fears Kirby may be ill as she has had no reply to earlier letters. 3pp

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181	8 May 1889	Holograph letter from [E.T. O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses petition which writer is very anxious to have granted, as he 'was rather severe at first on the priest concerned'. 1p
182	9 May 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. de Sales Kepple, Killarney, to Kirby: Writes that Rev. Mother sent Kirby a telegram announcing the death of the Bishop. 'Perhaps you did not get it.' Speaks highly of him and asks Kirby to say Mass for repose of his soul and to get Masses said for him. 4pp
183	9 May 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. di S. Geltrude, Capua, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
184	10 May 1889	Holograph letter from [E.T. O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses two petitions 'of rather unpleasant kind'. 1p
185	10 May 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. James Rice, P.P., Charleville, to Kirby: Regarding petition concerning Daly [see KIR/1889/154]. Points out that the temporal, spiritual interests involved are those of the man, not the woman - gives details. 3pp
186	10 May 1889	Holograph letter from M. Josephine A. Loudon, Rome, to Kirby: Asks further 'few moments audience', in which she wishes to show Kirby the letter she has received from 'the kind and saintly Archbishop of Tuam'. 1p
187	10 May 1889	Holograph letter from M. de Sales Carrick, Sneem, to Kirby: Asks for 'some holy things' from Pope or from Rome for the little Oratory of the Passion which is being erected at this Presentation convent. Rev. Mother willing to pay costs. Also wants Pope's blessing and, 'if possible his autograph'. Feels that if Pope knew the poverty of the convent he would himself build a convent for them - gives details. Personal information. Asks for Agnus Deis. 6pp

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188	10 May 1889	Holograph letter [neither name nor address given], to Kirby: '23rd December 1888'. 2pp
189	circa 12 May 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Higgins, Paris, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and invitation. Leaves Paris the following evening. 2pp
189 a	circa 12 May 1889	G. Boudi, Vatican, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his invitation for the following Sunday which, however, he is not able to accept. 2pp
190	13 May 1889	Holograph letter from +John Walsh, London, Canada, to Kirby: Introducing friends from New Orleans, visiting Rome. 3pp
191	14 May 1889	Holograph letter from Giuseppe Liberati, Rome, to Kirby: Writer begs Kirby not to forget him if he needs anyone to work in the College, as he has still not found anything to do. [Italian] 1p
192	14 May 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Coffey, P.P., V.C., Tralee, to Kirby: On death of Bishop Higgins of Kerry, writer was appointed Vicar Capitular, but has had no reply to his telegram of 8 May, addressed to Cardinal Simeoni, asking for the necessary faculties. Asks Kirby to expedite matters. 3pp
193	14 May 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges rescript for Fr. Doyle, P.P.. Archbishop has returned in excellent spirits. Regarding recent death of Bishop of Kerry. Great interest in successor 'owing to the bad prominence Kerry has gained'. Archbishop has read with interest sermons of Padre Agostino sent by Kirby. 4pp

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194	15 May 1889	Holograph letter from +Bernard O'Reilly, Liverpool, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and wishes 'same prudent common sense followed' by others. Goes on to write of someone not mentioned by name, but almost certainly Father Nugent, for whom a papal honour has been asked. Although describing him as a friend and 'a good man and a good priest', he then writes most disparagingly of him, saying that he always acts on his own judgement. Gets into money difficulties. Blames others when schemes go wrong. More popular with Protestants than with Catholics and with the laity than with the clergy. To further philosophical projects he lectures in Protestant institutions 'and even chapels'. Was threatened with suspension by the last Bishop if he did so again, and since writer was elected Bishop he has done so 2 or 3 times. Although nearly 30 years since writer was made a Canon of the Diocesan Chapter, he has 'never heard any Canon speak of him as a desirable member of the Chapter'. [In a note in his own handwriting, Kirby says he will wash his hands of it.] 4pp
195	16 May 1889	Holograph letter from S.M. Augustine, Rome, to Kirby: On behalf of Mother General, writer thanks Kirby for kindness. 3pp
196	17 May 1889	Holograph letter from [Generoso De Philiquiri], Rome, to Kirby: Latin recitation at the Greek College on the previous Monday was dedicated to Kirby and copies will be given to him as soon as they are ready. [Italian] 1p
197	20 May 1889	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, to Kirby: Writer encloses a draft for £37.16.10, contribution from his Diocese for the Holy Land, asking Kirby to give it to the Franciscans. Mentions registered letters sent to Mgr. Jacobini last year and to Kirby in January of this year regarding questions of conscience, to which no reply has been received. 'It is indeed a rather serious thing to be left in doubt, and then at such a distance, on matters of such importance'. 3pp

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198	24 May 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Augustine, Fermoy, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to obtain permission for Convent of Mercy to have the Blessed Sacrament in their chapel. Personal and convent news. 4pp
199	24 May 1889	Holograph letter from A.M. [Bennett], Aigles, to Kirby: Chiefly concerning Kirby's kindness to the writer, devotion to the Holy Face, with particular reference to a miracle which was worked though It on herself. 10pp
200	25 May 1889	Holograph letter from Morgan S. Grace, [no address given], to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and sympathy and prayers and giving good news of 'Maude' [see KIR/1889/166]. 1p
201	27 May 1889	Holograph letter from R. Daly, a student, Rome to Kirby: Regarding some portable altars which Bishop Dunne of Wilcannia [Australia] would like to have and about which he has written himself to Kirby [see KIR/1889/135]. Writer is a student at Propaganda and comes from Australia. 2pp
202	28 May 1889	Holograph letter from Zelinda del [...], Arezza, to Kirby: Personal note. [Italian] 2pp
203	30 May 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Joseph Kearns, Hilltown, to Kirby: Writer encloses a cheque for five pounds for 40 Masses for Hugh Bradley, deceased. Thanks Kirby for help in securing Dr. McGivern as successor to Bishop Leahy. Writer has been appointed to be administrator of Bishop's parish of Clonduff 'to last during the lifetime of our saintly old bishop'. After that Dr. McGivern will do what he believes to be best for religion. Writer has worked hard since he came on the mission in 1874. Asks for the renewal of faculties to bless beads etc. 4pp

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204	31 May 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for prompt sending of rescript and for writing so fully on the Irish College. Is glad his students are doing so well, 'they are all priestly men' on whom he can rely - 'shall be able to send one or two subjects this year' and a larger number in following years when diocesan seminary is in good working order. Probable that he will require Dr. Riordan to teach in it - does Kirby think it well for writer to send a couple of young priests to study with him for a year? 4pp
205	31 May 1889	Holograph letter from Anna Meeus, Rome, to Kirby: Writer, moved by the zeal of 'S.E. Monsignor Moran', thought after he had left that Kirby, of his goodness, might make use of certain information. Gives details of work being done in Gand [Ghent] by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Mentions also Liege and Brussels. [Italian] 3pp
206	1 June 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Kenelm Vaughan, Rome, to Kirby: Writer asks what Kirby intends to give to 'The Washington University Testimonial Fund' - no need to pay at once, but writer would like names of Committee members to appear on first published list of subscribers. Mr. Fullerton is as keen as ever on the movement, and is now drawing up a presentation address which he intends to submit to the Committee for approval, alteration or substitution. 4pp
207	1 June 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for documents received, also papal gifts, which 'are valuable in themselves and valuable as showing the benevolent feelings of the Holy Father to Ireland'. Wants his student, Mr. Codd, informed that he is needed for work in the diocese as soon as he is able to return to Ireland after ordination. Asks for renewal of faculties in the Formula Sexta, which expire in another month. 2pp

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208	4 June 1889	Holograph letter from H.M.X. Condon, Tallow, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges receipt of 'most valuable present' to St. Joseph's Convent. Regarding other vestments given. 3pp
209	8 June 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Chiara Giuseppa Martinetti, [Rome], to Kirby: Writes, in the name of her Abbess, to express their immense gratitude to Kirby for his charity. [Italian] 1p
210	8 June 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Marked 'Private and Confidential', this letter informs Kirby that in the recent election for a new Superioress in the Convent of Mercy, Newtownforbes [see KIR/1889/91], the present Reverend Mother, M. de Sales Fallon, obtained all the votes, except her own, which went to 'an excellent religious, the Mistress of Novices, Sr. M. Joseph Hoare'. As Reverend Mother has now been Superioress for considerably over six years, the Bishop could not confirm the election without recourse to Rome, as he explained to the Sisters. This he does now, at the same time pointing out that in his opinion, if Kirby thinks fit to pass it on, it is time that a change in Superior be made. 2pp
211	9 June 1889	Holograph letter from + William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: 'I know nothing of the matter in question', writes the Archbishop, and goes on to say that he thinks it deplorable that attention is paid to such matters while weighty business is ignored - mentions several 'most important communications' to Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda which have remained for months without even an acknowledgement, one case - that of a Carmelite convent - is having 'most deplorable consequences' because of the delay. 2pp
212	11 June 1889	Holograph letter from M.A. Kirwan, '2 Nelson Street', to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude. 2pp

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213	14 June 1889	Holograph letter from Bernard McMahon, Sixmilecross, to Kirby: Begs Kirby's help and asks him to use his influence with Archbishop Logue, who has refused to consider him 'any more as an ecclesiastic' because 16 months previously he spent two months in an asylum. Several bishops whom writer has consulted say that there is no canonical impediment, provided certain conditions are fulfilled. Is anxious to renew his studies at the Irish College. 4pp
214	14 June 1889	Holograph letter from +Peter McIntyre, Charlottetown, to Kirby: Regarding permission to have coadjutor. Of the three names already submitted to Cardinal Simeoni, writer would prefer Rev. Charles J. McDonald. If he is the one appointed he would like to know soon, so that they could travel to Rome together in the near future and Fr. McDonald could be consecrated there. Asks Kirby's help. 1p
215	14 June 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, [...], to Kirby: Encloses petition for Kirby to forward. 2pp
216	15 June 1889	Holograph letter from Sylvester Malone, Clare Castle, to Kirby: Encloses application for 'dispensation in form', signed by the Bishop of Killaloe. 1p
217	17 June 1889	Holograph letter from Fr. Nazarena [da F.], Rome, to Kirby: Receipt for £37.16.10 for the Holy Land received through Kirby [see KIR/1889/197]. [Italian] 1p
218	17 June 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Clare, New Zealand, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain letters of affiliation to the Arch-confraternity of the Children of Mary from Jesuit Fathers in Rome for their Mother House and branch Houses in New Zealand, so that they may share in indulgences and privileges granted to Arch-confraternity. 3pp

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219	19 June 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Evangelist Lombard, Killarney, to Kirby: Regarding tremendous blow to Convent of Our Lady of Mercy of death of Bishop, whose character - from his student days onwards - she described in glowing terms. Most anxious that Dr. Higgin's successor should not be chosen for political reasons, convent is 'storming heaven' and she asks Kirby's prayers. Sends two pounds for as many Masses as possible 'from some holy priest or community' for this intention. Asks favours. 8pp
220	20 June 1889	Holograph letter from [William F. O'Grady], Patrickswell, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to undertake to have Mass said every day throughout July and encloses three pounds for 48 Masses. [Unsigned, as last page is missing.] 4pp
221	21 June 1889	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for 'very generous contribution' which he would like to return, were it in his power. Railway Company has acknowledged responsibility and undertaken to make reasonable compensation to the sufferers, while the public had given more money than is necessary, although there may be some individual cases in need of help. Train was a Methodist excursion, so few Catholics on it, and those only to take advantage of cheap fare. Gives details of number of Catholics killed and also stories of miraculous escapes, especially of those wearing Agnus Deis and scapulars, and also a little Protestant boy, those either side of him being killed, who had been blessed and wished him 'a long life' a few days before. The child escaped without a scratch, and parents are now anxious to know who the old priest was. 6pp
222	21 June 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation - asks Kirby's prayers that Holy Ghost may preside over national meeting of bishops on 27th. 1p
223	22 June 1889	Holograph letter from Lavania Armstrong, Maine, U.S., to Kirby: Encloses 'piece of music' composed by herself for presentation to Pope. 1p

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224	23 June 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer sends petition for couple of dispensations - one regarding a Sister of the Order of St. John of God very urgent, as she is out of her mind. Thanks for renewal of faculties. Writer is sure that Fr. W. Codd will make an excellent priest. 2pp
225	24 June 1889	Holograph letter from Anna de Meeus, Rome, to Kirby: Explains ceremonies at opening of church of 'Corpus Domini' and asks Kirby if he will do them the honour of officiating at Benediction on the day of the Octave. Would also like others from the Irish College. [French] 3pp
226	26 June 1889	Holograph letter from Anna de Meeus, Rome, to Kirby: Further to previous letter, writer gives further details regarding the Benediction, mentioning that she would like students from the Irish College to come as there will be students from the German, Belgian and Propaganda Colleges. More details of ceremonies. [French] 3pp
227	26 June 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Margherita Tarengi, Mantellate, to Kirby: Regarding election of new General. On Friday, vigil of the Holy Apostles, the confessional will be occupied by members of the community. Writer asks Kirby for his holy prayers. [Italian] 1p
228	26 June 1889	Holograph letter from T.R. Hughes, [Christian Brothers], Dunedin to Kirby: By the same post the writer is forwarding copy of little work, entitled St. Joseph's Prayer Book, recently published and addressed to their Bishop, who wished to present it to the Pope. If Bishop has left Rome, would Kirby please present the book in his stead. 2pp

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229	27 June 1889	Holograph letter from Archbishop of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for his generosity towards the 'poor sufferers of Pennsylvania'. Calamity appalling, but remarkable degree of generous sympathy from people. Two strange incidents, one the preservation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sisters who knelt around It, and the other the preservation of Our Lady's statue, which he is having investigated - press calls it a miracle. 2pp
230	29 June 1889	Holograph letter from Chapter of Community, Newtownforbes, to Kirby: Signatories beg Kirby to use his good offices in having Rev. Mother Mary de Sales Fallon confirmed as Superior yet again - gives reasons. Application is enclosed with letter to Kirby: [see KIR/1889/91 and /210] 2 items
231	29 June 1889	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Bishop of Dunedin has given writer medal that accompanied Kirby's letter - most grateful - Pontifical Commission has treated them most generously. 3pp
232	30 June 1889	Holograph letter from Sisters of Mercy, Newtownforbes, to Kirby: Fearing previous letters may not arrive, they enclose copies. [see KIR/1889/91, /210 and /230] 2 items
233	'Corpus Christi 1889'	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Thanks for response to request for prayers. Latest news from St. Joseph's consoling. Regarding picture of Our Lady, Kirby is right, but nothing could be brighter than the original, which she then describes in detail. 'We are suffering much', she continues, 'the more because if our Father had a little devotion to Our Lady we should be so happy, but this damps all our pleasure'. They offer the pain 'not a trifle' to Our Lord. 2pp

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234	'June 1887'	Holograph letter from John McAlinden, Organist of Cathedral and Professor of Music at Carlow College, Carlow, to Kirby: Encloses 'two suitably bound copies' of two Masses composed by writer, for presentation to Pope. 1p
235	1 July 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. B. O'Keeffe, Youghal, to Kirby: Gives, with great pleasure, news of his appointment by Commissioners of Intermediate Education as sole Examiner in Italian for all Ireland. It is the first time that a non-Italian has been chosen. Gives news of his recent ill health - hopes to holiday in Rome this year. 8pp
236	1 July 1889	Holograph letter from P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition which is urgent, as retreat begins Monday week. Thanks for dispensation - has no funds to send students to Rome at present, but hopes to be able to do so late. Has been ill for some weeks but is better now. 2pp

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237	3 July 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Michael Verdon, Sydney, to Kirby: Gives news of St. Patrick's College, Manly, opened at end of January with 6 students and 2 professors - disappointing, but now they have 12 students and hope for 2 more by the end of the present month. College has room for over 100 students. Religion making rapid strides. Cardinal has dedicated over 60 new churches in how own diocese - is becoming more and more popular. Dr. Higgins, who is living at the College until his parish is ready for him, told the writer that Dr. Hassan wished to keep Fr. Haydon for some months. If this is so, writer fears it may not be possible to take him later, but necessary to get another professor, but not a Roman. He will therefore expect Fr. Haydon in October or November. Has asked Fr. O'Riordan, in Cardinal's name, to go to college, where he would be most useful, among other things, editing the 'Ecclesiastical Record', which Cardinal hopes to start next year. Details of reception in honour of Dr. Higgins. Asks about set of white vestments given to him for repairing in Rome and left at College - student asked to return them to Fr. Murray of Blackrock, Dublin. Tanfani say they are past repairing and it would be cheaper to buy a new set. Vestments not yet received by Fr. Murray. 6pp
238	4 July 1889	Holograph letter from J. McLaughlin, Ballymaconly, to Kirby: Writer asks for Papal Blessing, preferably by telegram, for his 84-year-old Mother, who is dying. 3pp
239	5 July 1889	Holograph letter from G. Carabelli, [], to Kirby: Personal note on spiritual matters. [French] 1p
240	5 July 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation, and also for 'consoling terms' in which Kirby referred to his Mother, whole death was 'most beautiful'. 4pp

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241	5 July 1889	Holograph letter from N.A. Kirby, Dublin, to Kirby: Writes to ask Kirby to lend some or all of £60 needed to enable her to be trained as a nurse in training home being founded by Miss Smyth who knows Kirby. Explains difficulty - writes, as her grandfather and Kirby's father were 'near cousins'. 4pp
242	6 July 1889	Holograph letter from Patrick Donnelly, Dublin, to Kirby: Letter of great personal thanks to Kirby for obtaining 'the greatest prize that God's creatures on this earth can give'. 2pp
243	7 July 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses dividend 'payable at this time'. Is glad to hear, from Archbishop, of expiation made by Rome for recent outrages perpetuated on religion. Sympathy which Irish people feel for the Pope in what pains him is cool - in the bitter struggle between landlords and tenants the press, mainly Protestant and Orange, taunts them with the fact that the Pope is against them and people think he and the landlords have made common cause against them - while this struggle lasts there is no chance of the decree being forgotten. 4pp
244	8 July 1889	Holograph letter from John McAlinden, Carlow, to Kirby: Would like to know whether his letter of 13 June, with two of his Masses for presentation to the Pope, reached Kirby. 2pp
245	8 July 1889	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Galway, to Kirby: Reminds Kirby of two 'postulata' which he sent Kirby last May, when forwarding Peter's Pence. Gives details again. 2pp
246	8 July 1889	Holograph letter from Mary, Ellen and Martha Kirby, [] to Kirby: Personal letter from nieces, thanking Kirby for letter with 'much needed enclosure'. 3pp

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247	9 July 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Agnes Murray, Waterford, to Kirby: Writer feels Kirby did not receive her previous letter, as she has had no reply. Her sister is extremely ill and doctor says she will die without the nourishment which writer is unable to give her, as they are 'in extreme distress'. Asks Kirby's prayers and assistance. 3pp
248	11 July 1889	Holograph letter from [Alessandro Casaneto], Genoa, to Kirby: Personal card. [Italian] 2pp
249	11 July 1889	Holograph letter from J. McLaughlin, Ballymaconly, to Kirby: Deeply grateful for Papal Blessing for Mother, who is now slightly better, although still weak. 2pp
250	11 July 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Philomena Zaccardi, Rome, to Kirby: Reverend Mother of Conservatorio di Sta. Eufemia would like Kirby to say Mass at the Conservatory on Sunday at 6.30 or 7 a.m. 1p
251	13 July 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. F. Xavier Teresa Hamilton, Wellington, to Kirby: Purely personal and spiritual letter from a nun now living in the world, seeking advice. 24pp
252	13 July 1889	Holograph letter from M.G. Piergentili, S. Susanna, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks. [Italian] 1p
253	14 July 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Colgan, Madras, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and for Jubilee gifts, which are much appreciated. Mentions difficulties in India - the great concessions granted to Portugal which still do not satisfy the Portuguese Government - writer has lost the chaplaincy of St. Thomas's Mount, which has been given by the Pope to Portugal and a Portuguese priest, with very little English, takes charge of Irish soldiers, and soldiers need a firm hand or they forget their religion if left to themselves - can only hope it is for the best. 3pp

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254	17 July 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Persico, Rome, to Kirby: Presented Mr. McAlinden's two Masses to the Pope, as requested. Pope has no medals such as Mr. McA. wishes, but writer encloses Apostolic Benediction, and tells Kirby that His Holiness said that he could obtain a medal from Mgr. Folchi, for which writer encloses 'the usual certificate'. 1p
255	19 July 1889	Holograph letter from Br. Paul de Reve, [St. Vincent de Paul], [] to his good and dear friend [Kirby]: Asking a favour. [French] 3pp
256	20 July 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dublin, to Kirby: Sails from London for Melbourne on 16 August with 5 priests, 7 postulants and, perhaps, 4 or 5 Mercy nuns. Hopes Propaganda will reply to his petitions before 14 August. 3pp
257	22 July 1889	Holograph letter from ['M.C.'], ['Sr. C.'], Liverpool, to Kirby: Postcard of personal thanks for scapulars. 2pp
258	22 July 1889	Holograph letter from +Edward McGennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Asks dispensation for 'accompanying case'. Great urgency. 1p
259	22 July 1889	Holograph letter from P.J. Jennings, Hastings, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter - hopes to send £40 for first year's pension for student shortly. At present elderly members of family rather a drain on his slender resources. Is in Hastings for health reasons - gives detailed account of 'this really charming place', its surroundings, and the two Catholic churches. Writes of the Connolly case at some length, owing to the Holy Child convent Mrs. Connolly established at St. Leonards. Mentions rumour that Pope wishes to leave Rome, and gives reason why he hopes this will not happen. 6pp

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260	23 July 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Mooney, Cahir, to Kirby: Writer has been seriously ill through worry and anxiety 'and pain of mind'. Communists 'crept in' to parish and, though he warned his young men to keep clear of them, they did not, so that now 6 of them are 'on the plank bed or treadmill for 2 or 3 months'. At one time writer had palpitations so badly he thought he was about to die - now better. Asks Kirby to say Mass of thanksgiving in honour of Our Lady, and another in honour of St. Joseph, for a good death. Goes on to write of names sent forward for new Bishop of Waterford, among them that of the Rev. P. McCarthy and 'this third nominee cannot be'. Explains why. 4pp
261	23 July 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Evangelist, Kinvarra, to Kirby: Asks for first prize of 'five or three pounds' for a 'drawing of prizes' to help pay off debt on convent. 4pp
262	23 July 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Bath, to Kirby: Writer was ordered to Bath to relieve his rheumatism - with little success. Kirby's letter, but not enclosures, was forwarded to him. Everyone sad at reading Pope's allocution in the press, which shows a sad state of affairs regarding Pope's liberty and safety. Judges on Special Commission seem to be not over partial to Ireland - is glad he did not have to appear before them after all. Under 'Private' writer tells of a letter from Propaganda pressing him to have a collection for 'St. Patrick's, Augustinian, Church' on first Sunday in October. This is impossible for him as every year regularly he had a collection for the Pope on one of the Sundays in November, and he could not have a collection in October without spoiling one or the other. He is perplexed, the more so since he knows that the priests 'are to a man opposed to the Augustinian collection', though they are perfectly happy to make the collection for the Pope. 3pp
263	23 July 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Coffey, Tralee, to Kirby: On hearing from Kirby, writer got in touch with Fr. Mangan regarding dispensation requested for mixed marriage and encloses his reply, submitting the case again for consideration. 2 items

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264	23 July 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown, to Kirby: Regarding previous letter to Kirby, as writer has now received the dispensation, but no mention of request for the Blessed Sacrament to be kept in the oratory of the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the workhouse, he presumes latter was overlooked, and makes the request again. 4pp
265	23 July 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Higgins, Sydney, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of arrival in Sydney and some details of his life and impressions. 4pp
266	24 July 1889	Handwritten letter [unsigned], to 'Padre' []: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
267	25 July 1889	Holograph letter from [name faded to illegibility], Blackrock, to Kirby: Personal letter from a nun regarding friends, and asking Kirby if there is a cross to which is attached all the indulgences of the Stations - if so, would he get her one. 4pp
268	29 July 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Evangelist Brennan, Kinvarra, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for his letter with five pounds and pictures of Our Lady. 4pp
269	27 July 1889	Holograph letter from John McAlinden, Carlow, to Kirby: Thanks for Apostolic Benediction - as regards the medal, perhaps Kirby would send it by registered post some time. 1p

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270	27 July 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Charles Lawless, Dublin, to Kirby: Fr. Hayden and the writer met Fr. Codd at Loreto - describes journey home. He stayed a week at Brighton with an aunt, while the other two went straight on to Ireland. Writer fears that his Archbishop, to whom he had not thought it necessary to write, was annoyed at the delay and, indeed, he thinks he nearly lost the appointment, as chaplain to St. Joseph's Orphanage at Kingstown, through it. However, he is now there and, as there is little to do, he will have much time for study. 4pp
271	27 July 1889	Handwritten letter [unsigned], to 'Padre' [...]: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [see KIR/1889/266] [Italian] 4pp
272	28 July 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petitions. 1p
273	28 July 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Sylvester Malone, P.P., Clare Castle, to Kirby: Regarding application for marriage dispensation, signed by his Bishop, sent 6 weeks ago, to which no reply has been received. Writer would be relieved if Kirby would let him know whether it arrived. [See KIR/1889/216] 1p
274	29 July 1889	Holograph letter from [Adriano Zealini], Rome, to Kirby: The Pope has been pleased to approve the following appointments. Archbishop of Toronto - Mgr. Walsh, Bishop of London, Canada. Bishop of Kerry, the Rev. John Coffey. [Italian] 1p
275	29 July 1889	Handwritten letter [unsigned], [,,] to 'Padre' [...], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [see KIR/1889/266 and /271] [Italian] 4pp
276	30 July 1889	Handwritten letter [unsigned], [] to 'Padre': Personal letter on spiritual matters. [see KIR/1889/266, /271 and /275] [Italian] 4pp

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277	31 July 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Venice, to Kirby: Personal letter giving details of journey from Rome and also impressions of devotion of people at Bologna and Florence, recounting for Kirby's amusement a sermon which he heard. Intends leaving for London on the morrow. 2pp
278	1 August 1889	Holograph letter from +T. O'Mahony, Toronto, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges letter and prize from Pope for bazaar. Tells of state of things in Toronto, where Protestants, mostly dissenters, and Orangemen are six-to-one to the Catholics and use every endeavour to keep Catholics out of lucrative positions, and boycott them in business. Opposition, however, is good for people. Protestants cannot understand how it was possible for the Catholics to erect such a fine church - which will be the most impressive in Toronto - a big debt, but writer hopes bazaar 'will break the back of it'. His health is poor, and he spent the winter with Bishop Mora of Los Angeles, 'a dear and affectionate prelate' who has invited him to go again when necessary, but he is now better than he was. 4pp
279	1 August 1889	Handwritten letter [unsigned], [] to 'Padre': Personal letter on spiritual matters. [see KIR/1889/266, /271, /275 and /276] [Italian] 4pp
280	2 August 1889	Typescript letter signed +M.A. Corrigan, New York, to Kirby: Having been away from home almost all July on vacation, writer was not able to attend to message given him by Kirby. However, he has now written to Kirby's grandnephew, asking him to call 'early next week', when he will do all he can. Great sympathy with the Pope in 'the outrage offered to our faith by the erection of a statue to the infamous apostate in the city of Rome itself'. 2pp
281	2 August 1889	Holograph letter from 'Virginia', Rome, to Kirby: Personal card - has written twice from Genzano but has had no reply. [Italian] 2pp

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282	3 August 1889	Holograph letter from ['Filia in G. + Cristo'], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
283	4 August 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John Coffey, V.C., to Kirby: Writer acknowledges Kirby's letter announcing Fr. Coffey's appointment as Bishop of Kerry. Thanks Kirby for his encouragement and relies on his prayers. Regarding documents sent writer as Vicar Capitular, points out an error in his name, which is John not Thomas - asks for error to be rectified. 4pp
284	5 August 1889	Holograph letter from +M.A. Corrigan, New York, to Kirby: Interviewed John Kirby that morning. Bright and interesting young man. Episcopalian by family tradition but does not attend church, save at rare intervals. Grateful to Kirby for draft. Will write to Kirby and call on writer again on his return to N.Y. in October. Is in business for himself as an Export Commission Merchant. Lives on Staten Island but plans to live in N.Y. after October, when Archbishop will see more of him. Says his 'good Catholic nurse' used to say he was baptized in the Catholic church, but Archbishop doubts this, as already baptized Episcopalian and no priest 'could repeat the ceremony, or baptize a Protestant child without the consent of its parents'. Much pleased with interview, hopes and prays it will have good results. Mrs. Alcott's name was mentioned - she, too, 'may be won back'. At present she is 'a strong Episcopalian'. Archbishop begged John to cultivate prayer. 4pp
285	5 August 1889	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Acknowledges documents - fears that previous ones were not acknowledged, although Fr. Pettit was asked to do so, but he is very delicate and 'not always in working order'. News about Kerry 'is indeed deplorable'. Writer thinks it confirms the suspicions entertained regarding the political intriguing over the last two years or so. 'Bad as the influence of the British Government is, we should far prefer it to the influence of broken down landlords' who openly boast that nomination to the Irish Episcopacy lies for the future in their hands. Speaks of anxiety of the people. 4pp

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286	5 August 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. M. Mooney, Cahir, to Kirby: '... a 'new' election for Bishop is ordered for next Thursday in Waterford ...' Writer asks Kirby to say Mass for him in honour of 'St. Mary Major'. 1p
287	5 August 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding copy of St. Joseph's Prayer Book, published by 'N.Z. Tablet' office sent to Rome for Pope's blessing. Writer plans to leave Plymouth on the 17th, being in Naples 8 days later, on his way back to New Zealand. 3pp
288	6 August 1889	Holograph letter from Bishop Elect John C. Coffey, Tralee, to Kirby: Encloses two petitions, which he explains and urges. His consecration is fixed for the Feast of the Patronage of Our Lady, the 2nd Sunday in November, for which he asks Kirby 'to have the great charity' to remember him. 3pp
289	6 August 1889	Holograph letter from M. Harry Cassell, Rome, to Kirby: Writer regrets not being able to obtain medal for Bishop of Kildare, but Mgr. Folchi says he will have one shortly. It can wait until his return from Verona, or if Kirby is sending in to Rome from Tivoli a letter to Mgr. Folchi would be sufficient. Asks a prayer. 3pp
290	6 August 1889	Holograph letter from Reginald Bridge, Loreto, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to allow his brother to enter Irish College, explaining how his health broke down when a novice at Mt. Melleray. He wishes to become a priest, and has made a 4-day retreat at Loreto. If Kirby agrees, he could travel back with Mr. McGrath, who is with them at the Casa Ferri. Encloses letter from Xavier Ryan, Mt. Melleray. 2 items.

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291	8 August 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, London, to Kirby: Arrived in London some days ago, leaves on the morrow. Called on Cardinal Manning, who said he was being boycotted by 'the upper ten' in England for the position he took on Irish question. News of writer's journey - saddened by sight of new chapels at Oxford, with 'no distinctive feature to mark them as places of worship', but very pleased when he visited St. Paul's in London and saw the new reredos with the Madonna and Child - felt that Orangemen of North of Ireland would lose their faith in Protestantism did they but see it. 4pp
292	8 August 1889	Holograph letter from +Thomas Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Introducing young Australian Catholic. 2pp
293	10 August 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert F. Conlan, Adm., Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses 40,000 lira, Peter's Pence, for the Diocese for 1889. Last year it was sent to Cardinal Simeoni by mistake. 2pp
294	10 August 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. S. Malone, P.P., Clare Castle, to Kirby: Writer encloses 'application signed by the Ordinary again', as directed by Kirby, and registers it lest it miscarry as did the previous letter. As it is now 9 weeks since he first wrote on this subject, asks Kirby to expedite matters. [see KIR/1889/273 and /216] 2pp

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295	10 August 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer encloses memorandum which he wishes Kirby to have before presenting Peter's Pence from Dublin which is being forwarded by Fr. Conlan [see KIR/1889/293]. If Kirby will let him know the day on which it will be presented to the Pope, writer will have it announced in the 'Freeman'. Pleased with his reception by the Archbishop, though he saw him for few minutes only, but is to have a longer interview on Tuesday. Met Prior Glynn, 'as stout and as strong as ever'. Two old students - Langan of Ardagh and O'Donnell of Limerick - have just called. Appointment to Kerry caused some talk, but one word of explanation settled all stories. Speaks of what he hopes to do. See Dr. Moran of Dunedin. Convert old Russian bonds and purchase new ones. Journey to north of Ireland, calling on Primate on way. Combining a little business with pleasure all the way through, writer is satisfied with how he has spent the time. Hopes to see Fr. Fitzpatrick of Clonliffe and to visit Maynooth. 4pp
296	10 August 1889	Holograph letter from Prof. Costantino Porfino, Presidente Comitato Promotore Generale per la erezione dei Monumenti Giubilari al S.P. Leone XIII, Rome, to Kirby: Inviting Kirby to participate in the raising of money. [Italian] 4pp
297	11 August 1889	Holograph letter from Reginald Bridge, Loreto, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for permission for his brother to enter Irish College. Regarding writer's health and whether he should accompany his brother to Tivoli. [see KIR/1889/290] 3pp
298	11 August 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph Howley, Longford, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain papal blessing for dying nun, Sr. Mary Raphael - asks also for Mass to be said at some of the shrines of Rome for the same nun - gives details of the intense pain she suffers and of her most edifying and holy acceptance of it. 4pp

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299	11 August 1889	Holograph letter from J. Tiernan, Loreto, to Kirby: Personal letter, describing the journey from Tivoli. 4pp
300	12 August 1889	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer encloses £350 for Peter's Pence from diocese of Cork. Less than other years, but possibly because of poverty of the country. Gives personal and diocesan news. New association for priests joined by 58 priests of the Diocese. Collection for new church of St. Patrick is to be held on Rosary Sunday. Dean has had attack of paralysis and is in feeble health. 4pp
301	12 August 1889	Holograph letter from Ellen Kirby, Stonington, Conn., to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece, telling of her Mother's illness and death. 8pp
302	12 August 1889	Holograph letter from Direzione ed Anninstrazioni del Diario Vaticano, Rome, to Kirby: Letter of thanks. Presenting programme of new publication. [Italian] 2pp
303	13 August 1889	Holograph letter from +James Vincent Cleary, Kingstown [Ontario, Canada], to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter - very pleased at the elevation of his diocese 'to the dignity and authority of Metropolitan' - introduces bearer of this letter, 'Patrick Purcell, Esq., M.P., one of my most worthy and influential subjects ...' 4pp
304	14 August 1889	Holograph letter from [Nicomlini], Rome, to Kirby: Application of the [agent] of the Prince of Piombino, asking Kirby to repair a drain in the College garden, as it is a source of danger to the adjoining Piombini property. [Italian] 2pp
305	14 August 1889	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Directed by Bishop Leahy to forward £202 Peter's Pence for Diocese of Dromore, writer sends also ten pounds for Kirby, 'as a little mark of gratitude from a dutiful obedient student to his good old Rector'. 1p

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306	14 August 1889	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau, Dominica, to Kirby: Thanking Kirby for his letter, writer says that he has now received a reply from Mg. Jacobini, although not an altogether satisfactory one. In future he will act on Kirby's advice. This he has done already but had to wait a long time for an answer. 'The Commissary for Holy Land has not as yet acknowledged receipt of amounts sent.' Vestments promised not so far arrived, and no reply from Rome. Perhaps Kirby would check on it? 3pp
307	14 August 1889	Holograph letter from Archbishop of Prague, Prague, to Kirby: Letter of greetings and thanks, explaining how difficult it is to find a moment in which to write. He hopes to pay his respects in person if the Holy Father calls him to Rome for the Consistory this autumn. [Italian] 2pp
308	15 August 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Mooney, Cahir, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter. Gives details of election for Bishop - hoped Fr. Joe Phelan would be chosen, 'Heaven alone can manage all that'. Asks 'one more Mass' in honour of Our Lady that she may one day bring the writer to heaven. 2pp
309	16 August 1889	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Carlingford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for documents to hand - one packet torn and possibly some contents lost, but no matter, since he intends to get the documents published in the 'Ecclesiastical Record'. Rumours regarding Roman affairs make everyone anxious - if Pope has to leave Rome 'the grass would grow on the Corso', Rome would become what Pisa seems to 'be at present, lifeless reliques of former prosperity'. 4pp
310	19 August 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Germaine O'Reilly, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Writer asks for relic of the Holy Cross for their convent of St. Joseph, [Carbonear]. Has confidence in asking as Kirby is from her native city, Waterford. 2pp

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311	19 August 1889	Holograph letter from Lucy [E. Colgan], Sorrento, to Kirby: Personal letter giving family news. 4pp
312	21 August 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Joseph A. Phelan, Clonmel, to Kirby: Personal letter marked 'Confidential' regarding vacant See of Waterford and writer's own position. 6pp
313	21 August 1889	Holograph letter from Margaret O'Cavanagh, Nenagh, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news and expressing much gratitude to Kirby for his kindness to a 'poor Irish pilgrim child from Australia'. 8pp
314	21 August 1889	Holograph letter from M. Connery, Sorrento, to Kirby: Personal letter giving reasons for leaving Loreto. 2pp
315	22 August 1889	Holograph letter from +Thomas I Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Regarding visit to Rome of Mrs. O'Kavanagh and her inclination 'to push her peculiar views to extremes'. Will Kirby deal with her wish to found a religious Order on her return to Australia. Asks dispensation in marriage case and 'also power of dispensing 'in radice' in a limited number of cases - say 10 or 15'. Mentions attacks on Holy See of enemies of Church who seem to want to drive Pope from Rome. Condition of enrolment now required for those wishing to wear brown scapular 'will in effect deprive many member of the Confraternity, in a country like this, of the indulgences'. Asks Kirby if he could obtain a dispensation from this condition 'for a limited number of years - 5 or 10...? 4pp
315 a	22 August 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Ma. Clotilde Sentinelle, S. Giacomo alla Longana, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding health matters. [Italian] 2pp

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316	23 August 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Encloses petition for a dispensation forwarded to him where he is taking a holiday in Diocese of Bishop of Ross. Regarding refusal by Munster Bishops to recommend any of the candidates elected by the priests for the vacant See of Waterford, suggests that Dr. Fitzgerald, Bishop of Ross, be chosen. Gives reasons. News of present state of Ireland regarding landlords and tenants. 4pp
317	25 August 1889	Holograph letter from Reginald Bridge, Assisi, to Kirby: Mr. McGrath and Mr. Tiernan intend to return to Tivoli 'early this week', and as writer feels it would be 'very lonely' for him to travel by himself he will accompany them. 1p
318	26 August 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. P.A. Treacy, Burlington, N.J., to Kirby: Encloses 2 copies of 'Old Catholic Maryland and its early Jesuit Missionaries', by his brother, the one bound in white silk velvet being for the Pope, and the one in purple for himself. His other lay brother, James J. Treacy, is preparing a book to be entitled 'Poetic Crystals of Catholic thought'. 2pp
319	27 August 1889	Fragment handwritten letter from [...], Ontario, to Kirby: Personal letter of cousin telling of the murder of her brother, Dr. Cronin. [Last page missing.] 4pp
320	28 August 1889	Holograph letter from Sigismondo Gentili, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of writer's illness. [Italian] 2pp

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321	29 August 1889	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer is sure that no bishops in all the Church feel more keenly than the Irish 'the insult offered to religion by the promoters of the Bruno celebration' - if there has been no protest it is because there has been no opportunity - explains matters. He would prefer to leave it until the bishops meet in October, but if Kirby wishes a protest from them now writer will do his best. Most of apparent lack of zeal on part of Irish bishops arises because papal documents are not sent them by Propaganda until they have 'gone the round of the whole Catholic world'. Gives instances. 12pp
322	29 August 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Joseph Kenneally, Rome, to Kirby: Explains why it is not possible for him to give the annual retreat to the students as asked by Kirby - utterly inexperienced in preaching, has never given a retreat. 2pp
323	30 August 1889	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation which he begs Kirby to obtain, gives reason. 1p

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324	30 August 1889	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Kirby should know at once that 'absolutely conclusive evidence has been discovered of the origin of the unfortunate Persico mission'. Writer has a letter 'from a leading English Catholic to certain associates of his'. The agent of communication with Rome was the Duke of Norfolk, to whom a presentation is to be made, ostensibly for his services in receiving Mgr. Ruffo-Scilla on the occasion of the Jubilee mission to Ireland. Private circular has been issued. It must infallibly come to light, so it is well to be prepared. Effect of revelation in Ireland 'will be disastrous'. It is not for the writer to suggest a course of action to the Holy See, but some means of forestalling the effect of publication must be taken to avert a 'grave calamity'. He has not mentioned the matter to anyone, not even to the V.G., Dr. Murphy or Fr. Pettit, lest he might by any possible imprudence contribute, however unwittingly, to the scandal that will result. It is anticipated that other important discoveries may be made, but he does not know in what direction - he understands that 'some clues were found among the papers of unfortunate Pigott'. 4pp
325	1 September 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary de Sales Dooner, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Writer gives details of industry begun by convent to help poor girls namely 5 hand looms, 2 wheels and a mill. Asks Kirby for prize for their bazaar to defray expenses. Their Bishop, Dr. Fitzgerald, has shown great interest, and has given some of the machinery. 7pp
326	1 September 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Castlebar, to Kirby: Regarding letter from Kirby, writer is 'indeed greatly pained' that any omission on part of Irish bishops to send a protest regarding erection of statue to Bruno 'the enemy of God and man' should sadden the Pope's heart. No people on earth felt more keenly the 'atrocious outrage' offered to him. If Kirby wishes, the writer could have a protest sent at once from his diocese, but feels that it would be better to wait until the Bishop's Meeting in October, when a joint protest from all the bishops could be sent. 2pp

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327	3 September 1889	Holograph letter from Oswald G. Wrigley, Miltown Malbay, to Kirby: Writer is worried because, on account of ill health, Dr. Moore told his parents that he was to go home at once. This is a great cross, but he will obey if it is God's will. The Bishop informed him that he could resume his studies at Manly Beach College, Sydney, under the care of Mgr. Verdon. Writer thought it his duty to let Kirby know. Cannot be in Rome before the end of the month, as he is not strong enough to stand the sea voyage to Naples. Much impressed by Irish Catholics. 4pp
328	3 September 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Londonderry, to Kirby: Writer gives news of death of 'dear Dr. Kelly, who was always more than a father' to him - first stroke occurred during a Confirmation service, which had to be postponed - gives details of death and funeral where 'Protestants rival Catholics in doing honour to his remains'. Regarding Kirby's letter to the Primate regarding Giordano Bruno, writer took the opportunity to explain to the Archbishop the usefulness of joint protests. 4pp
329	4 September 1889	Holograph letter from Abbess Sr. M. Agnese Burattini, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
330	4 September 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for dispensation. 1p
331	5 September 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. T. Curtin, C.C., Abbeyfeale, to Kirby: Writer, who is an ex-student, recalls himself to Kirby - asks for paintings for Convent of Mercy, gives details. Reverend Mother is sure Kirby will get them reasonably, as convent is poor. Suggestions as to how they should be sent. Writer will send money on hearing from Kirby. 8pp

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332	5 September 1889	Holograph letter from M. Margherita Tarenghi, Rome, to Kirby: Asks Kirby, on behalf of Mother Superior, to participate in the celebrations of the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on 15 September, and to say Mass. [Italian] 2pp
333	5 September 1889	Holograph letter from Thomas Hayden, Kingstown, to Kirby: Writer apologizes for delay in replying, explains why. He has arranged to take boat leaving on 11 October, to be in Australia about 20 November. Two companions, Father Malone from Dublin, and Father George Robinson from the Irish College, will be with him. 4pp
334	6 September 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Harrogate, to Kirby: Writer is at Harrogate 'in search of health', but returns to Belfast soon. Knows little of history of Bruno, but everyone feels that honour paid to him is an insult to the Pope and to religion - regarding protest. Tells Kirby of omission writer made in ordaining young man, subject of another bishop, for which he is very sorry, having acted in good faith at the time. Now begs Kirby to obtain for him freedom from whatever consequences follow from his action, assuring him of his willingness to 'comply with any condition imposed or required' - would like the matter settled soon for his peace of conscience. Dr. Kelly was buried 'with respect and honour from all sections of the people in Derry'. 4pp
335	9 September 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Imelda, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, to Kirby: Grieved to hear of Kirby's illness, praying hard for him. 'This is a great secret M. Prioress and community here are telling me that before I die I must build a large chapel here for them'. Goes on to say what a 'terrible undertaking' it would be for her, badly though it is needed. Would require great sacrifice on part of friends who have already done so much for her. News of personal friends. 8pp
336	9 September 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph Hyland, Poor Clares, Galway, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to allow her to put his name down for a pound's worth of tickets 'like sample enclosed'. 1p

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337	10 September 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer apologizes for delay in writing. Owing to Kirby's efforts everything well in Newtownforbes convent regarding election of new Superior, gives details. Some time ago Cardinal Prefect wrote, suggesting Rosary Sunday for collection for the new church of St. Patrick, must write to Fr. Glynn saying this is not possible but, if he wishes, writer will have it made on St. Patrick's Day - told him last year that he had permission to make a collection in every parish in Ardagh, but heard nothing from him. 'If he wants the appeal to be successful he must make it himself'- Has received 'considerable number' of tickets for Association of Artist and Workmen from Mgr. Jacobini, but quite impossible to do anything about them now, because of heavy work of completion of St. Mel's Cathedral. Shall send small subscription to show person interest. Asks Kirby to explain circumstances and poverty of people. Lord Granard's death was 'most happy'. Gives some details of funeral of Bishop of Derry. Met Dr. Hassan, who promised to visit him. 4pp
338	10 September 1889	Holograph letter from John Walsh, Abp. Elect of Toronto, London, Canada, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for his congratulations on appointment to Metropolitan See of Toronto. Was quite happy in present diocese, but if God calls him elsewhere, it is his 'duty to obey'. The Diocese of Toronto is 'in many respects in a very sad condition'. Asks Kirby's prayers. 3pp

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339	10 September 1889	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Before receiving Kirby's letter writer had consulted the two other archbishops in Ireland, Dr. Croke being absent, regarding protest, and both declared nothing should be done before Bishops' Meeting in October - willing personally to send one now, but feels that if protest came from him alone it would look worse than to have silence at present. Further 'in confidence' there is a special reason why the writer would hesitate to act without a commission in the matter. Gives details of what happened to previous joint letter from Irish bishops. There is a general feeling also among bishops and priests in Ireland that 'it is far from prudent to familiarize our simple people with the character of Giordano Bruno or the doings of his followers'. 8pp
340	12 September 1889	Holograph letter from +James Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Thanks for dispensation. Very happy to hear account Kirby gives of Mr. Kelly, and hopes that he will always uphold the credit of the College. Has had another Irish College student visiting him, Mr. Hayden - speaks highly of him. At Bishops' Meeting in October, a protest will certainly be sent regarding Bruno. Situation in Ireland sad, youth of both sexes emigrating in thousands. Encloses cheque as 'grateful tribute' to Kirby's goodness to him. His coadjutor has improved in health since his consecration. 4pp
341	14 September 1889	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahony, Toscana, to Kirby: No reply to her letter of last Christmas, so writer fancies Kirby has forgotten her. Her aunt, Mrs. O'Leary, who was like a mother to her, has died. Encloses 50 francs for Masses for her. Fears one of her sisters has lost her faith, asks Kirby's prayers. May be spending winter in Rome. 4pp

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342	14 September 1889	Holograph letter from R. Daly, Frascati, to Kirby: Writer reminds Kirby that 'a few months ago' he wrote asking him to use his influence with Cardinal Simeoni to obtain some portable altars about which Bishop Dunne of Wilcannia, Australia, had written to Kirby: Not having heard anything of them, writer hopes Kirby has already applied for them. Is anxious to do what he can as Dr. Dunne has always been so kind to him. Apologizes for writing again. 2pp
343	15 September 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Mooney, [No address, but almost certainly Cahir], to Kirby: Writer relates how, when appointed P.P. of Cahir 25 years previously, he found 'no home for priests, nuns', but only anti-Catholic bigotry - bitterness from Glenfall, whom O'Connell called 'the most anti-Irish Lord in Britain'. Today, writer has a convent for 50 nuns, a fine Glebe House, 'and as fine a parish church as can be seen far and near'. Moreover, he went to call on the landlords - the Glenfall family - and was received most cordially by them all. Feels that all this is justification for him to ask for another of Kirby's Masses in honour of 'the wonderful name of the Blessed Virgin Mary'. Gives details of his illnesses and cures. Mentions election which failed to give them a Bishop out of 11 nominees, names those whom he thinks unsuitable. Writes of attitude of young curates towards their seniors. In a second postscript writes of high opinion of himself held by some, including Dr. Croke. 4pp
344	15 September 1889	Holograph letter from John Coffey, Bishop Elect of Kerry, Tralee, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter. Has received Brief. Has forwarded letter of thanks to Pope, as directed by Kirby, enclosed in one to Cardinal Simeoni. Mentions hopes and resolutions for future life as Bishop. Sees from Dr. Higgins' account that he always sent Kirby ten pounds in October, so writer now does the same, with a further twenty pounds as an offering for a novena of Masses that God may bless his future and give him 'grace so to act as to promote His glory' and the salvation of his people. 4pp

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345	16 September 1889	Holograph letter [second page missing], Livorno, to Kirby: Personal letter to Kirby from woman who speaks of her husband and children. 4pp
346	16 September 1889	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: On return from vacation writer found Kirby's two letters awaiting him. As regards protest regarding demonstration in favour of Giordano Bruno, wishes Kirby to assure Pope that there is no hesitation on part of Irish bishops who, he is confident, are merely waiting for their October meeting to send a joint protest. If individual bishops were to protest it might cause unpleasant feelings among rest of hierarchy who would feel they were being censured. 3pp
347	16 September 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Joseph Kearns, Hilltown, to Kirby: Writer mentions 'a dear good parish priest' who died some time ago, leaving residue of estate to intentions and writer as his executor. As Bishop McGivern says that Kirby could get any number of intentions discharged, he sends him fifty pounds now, with more to follow. 'The intentions are half crown ones'. Patrick Greenan, who is a student at the Irish College, is from the parish of Hilltown, and the writer takes great interest in him as he prepared him for the College. 2pp
348	18 September 1889	Holograph letter from F. O'Mahony, Pistoia, to Kirby: Postcard acknowledging Kirby's letter. Leaves number of Masses to him, not knowing the customary offering in Rome. The Franciscans at Assisi took 2 francs per Mass, but writer knows that in Ireland the Franciscans take less than other priests, secular or religious. 2pp
349	18 September 1889	Holograph letter from +Edward McGennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Writer encloses £305, Peter's Pence, for Kilmore 'for this year'. 2pp

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350	19 September 1889	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Limerick, to Kirby: Asks for 31 Masses - giving details - for which he encloses two pounds. Requests special intention in all Kirby's Masses, as writer and his family of 10 persons are now homeless and penniless. He had to give up the home that had been in his family for 200 years, is ill and unable to obtain work, all he had was seized, does not know what they will do, nothing is left but the workhouse. 'You ought to get the Pope to send me a special blessing.' 8pp
351	19 September 1889	Holograph letter from M. Teresa di S. Giuseppe, S. Bernardino, to Kirby: Personal letter, telling Kirby of writer's illness, in bed two days and asking blessing. [Italian] 1p
352	20 September 1889	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: This 'private' letter deals with the devotion to Our Lady of Light, and tells of the origin of the shrine at Sclerder and its connection with Grigor de Montfort, 'who had an especial devotion to Our Lady as the spouse of the Holy Ghost'. At present their 'Father' is away and in his absence their spiritual needs are catered for by Fr. Tickele, S.J., who says he fears Fr. Béteille is rationalistic in his views about Our Lady. The latter appears to have no devotion at all to her - he may be visiting Rome, and should Kirby meet him writer begs him to treat this letter as confidential - she describes Fr. Béteille, says they love him dearly but fear that should he return to them they might be tempted to put him before Our Lady. Asks Kirby's prayers. 4pp
353	20 September 1889	Holograph letter from G. Cotter, Pompei, to Kirby: Personal letter, describing journey to Naples, miracle of the liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius. 4pp
354	22 September 1889	Holograph letter from M.F.S. [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp

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355	22 September 1889	Holograph letter from Cardinal Manning, London, S.W.1, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Stead, Editor of the 'Pall Mall Gazette', who is coming to Rome - served Ireland greatly, truly upright - knows no Italian, and Cardinal asks Kirby either personally or by proxy to act as his interpreter. 2pp
356	23 September 1889	Holograph letter from +John Mac Evilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Tells of Visitation - disapproves of national system qua system, but encourages national schools, as these are 'all denominational' and successful. Nearly a million pounds spent on proselytism, but hardly any Catholics succumbed. Presentation Community at Tuam in trouble, having a disobedient nun who will obey no one, and yet will not leave, threatening all kinds of vengeance. Acting on Kirby's advice, writer has sent letter to Cardinal Prefect, asking him to convey to the Pope indignation felt by Tuam over insults offered him and to religion. Dr. Gillooly, 'a truly good Bishop', is very unwell, having had a relapse. Great deal of dissatisfaction throughout country regarding [Kerry] appointment. General hope that Dr. Fitzgerald be promoted to a See in the south. 3pp
357	23 September 1889	Holograph letter from [Adriaon Zentinili], Rome, to Kirby: Regarding nomination to the See of Waterford. [Italian] 1p
358	23 September 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer hopes Kirby received his letter of two weeks previously. Although not conscious of doing wrong at the time, he feels very uneasy on the matter now. Grateful if Kirby could expedite the reply. Has seen the Vice Rector, the Month's Mind for whose 'late good Bishop' is to be on 1 October. 3pp
359	26 September 1889	Holograph letter from Sac. Gabriele d'Antonio, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter, recommending his penitent, M. Candida, to Kirby: [Italian] 3pp

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360	26 September 1889	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation obtained, and also for 'the precious little Madonna'. Has spoken to other members of the Irish hierarchy and it was agreed that it would be wiser to wait for the Bishops' meeting in October to send a joint protest regarding the Bruno demonstration - otherwise it might seem as though some were in sympathy with the action of the Italian Government. 'Our good saintly Bishop is wonderfully well', and writer is very happy and contented because of the unlimited confidence Bishop places in him. 2pp
361	28 September 1889	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Writer is sending James Burns as student to the Irish College. Saw Dr. Hassan a few times, who said - as he himself had previously thought - that an effort should be made to send students to Rome who would bring credit on Irish Church. He trusts James Burns will come up to his hopes of him. Also mentions that he fears that 'evictions on the large scale will be resumed'. 2pp
361 a	29 September 1889	Holograph letter from Maitland, to Kirby: Abstracts of Returns from schools in the diocese of Maitland 1888 and 1889. 2pp
362	29 September 1889	Printed letter from +Bartholomew [Woodlock], Ardagh and Clonmacnois, Longford, to Kirby: Printed letter to all the clergy of the diocese. Regarding October Devotions. Encloses copy of Papal Encyclical. Prayer to St. Joseph is to be added each day to the rosary. Copy also enclosed of 'a most weighty and touching Address delivered by our great Pontiff, Leo XIII, last June in the presence of the Sacred College of Cardinals'. Mentions 'insults offered to His Holiness'. Reminds them of 'beautiful and costly prize' given by Pope for their forthcoming bazaar. A note gives dates and places of October Conference, with times and subject matter. 4pp

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363	29 September 1889	Holograph letter from +C.A. Reynolds, Kadina, to Kirby: Although on Visitation, writer hastens to write to Kirby regarding 'good Dom Adalbert Sullivan', O.S.B., of whom Dr. Luck has complained bitterly to him and to the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney, besides writing 'in painful terms' to Dom Adalbert. Letter goes on to give some details of how Dom Adalbert, 'despite indifferent health, has worked hard and had brought the affairs of the Sisters of St. Joseph into order. It will soon be possible for the writer to send a full account of his own affairs and those of the Sisters of St. Joseph to the Cardinal Prefect which 'will bring him consolation and pleasure'. Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney agrees that Dr. Luck has made 'hasty and unwarrantable' charges against Dom Adalbert, of whose work for the sisters His Eminence approves. Diocesan news, has now got £180.15.0 towards building fund - half of what is necessary. Kirby's past pupil, Fr. Enright, is 'a holy good priest' ... mentions something of what he has done. More diocesan news, chiefly about schools. 4pp
364	29 September 1889	Holograph letter from P. Gaetano Ma. [da ...], [], to Kirby: Personal note of thanks. [Italian] 1p
365	30 September 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Kenelm Vaughan, London, S.W., to Kirby: Regarding Address to Bishop Keane which is being illuminated in London to save risk of injury and loss of time, Cardinal thinks it advisable to have names of members of Presentation Committee written on address by the illuminator - will Kirby, therefore, authorise his name being put on it? 2pp
366	September 1889	Holograph letter from Daniel Danaher, Athea, to Kirby: Letter requesting detailed information regarding entrance in Irish College, the writer wishing to enter as II Theology this year. 4pp

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367	1 October 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Teresa Scully, Clonakilty, to Kirby: Asks renewal of permission to Midnight Mass at convent of Our Lady of Mercy. Convent news. 4pp
368	1 October 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev F. Crimmins, P.P., to Dean Coffey. Requests dispensation for marriage between widower, now Protestant, but becoming Catholic before intended marriage and deceased wife's sister - gives reasons. 2pp
369	2 October 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, Derry, to Kirby: Letter from Kirby delayed as Dr. Hassan was away. Sorry to learn of Kirby's illness, and would have returned immediately but for Month's Mind for his late Bishop. Hopes Kirby is now well again. No pleasure to be in Ireland at present, as it is cold and bleak. Intends selecting good, readable books in Dublin or London. Bishop McAlister hopes to found a Burse for the Irish College, when he has more money, and will probably send a student this year. Writer hopes that the arrival of Fr. Hayden will have relieved Kirby of anxiety. News of journey and visits. 4pp
370	5 October 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for telegram and letter and all trouble taken. Has seen the Vice Rector. Is sending a student, Patrick Faloona, a good young man with good talent but rather delicate - hopes the warm climate will help him - he may be joining Dr. Hassan on his way out. Writer asks Kirby to let him know what the young man will require 'as to letters, money etc.' 4pp
371	5 October 1889	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Until death of late Bishop, writer never kept a bank account, which 'may plead some excuse for not signing your cheque'. News about Pope is 'both sad and cheering'. 1p

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372	6 October 1889	Holograph letter from 'The Sisters of the Loretto Community of Navan', to 'Your Eminence': Their Bishop being about to celebrate his Episcopal Jubilee during October, the Community wishes to testify to their appreciation of his 'sterling worth' and, therefore, asks Kirby to obtain whatever favour he considers would bring joy and blessing to the Bishop. 4pp
373	6 October 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Michael Culligan, Ennis, to Kirby: Dr. McRedmond, Bishop Elect, directs writer to send Joseph McGrath and James McDonnell as students to Irish College. 1p
374	7 October 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary de Sales Dooner, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of permission to receive Holy Communion at Midnight Mass. 4pp
375	7 October 1889	Holograph letter from Bro. Paul Joseph Grace, Springfield, to Kirby: A 'poor Dominican Lay Brother' who is 'under the imputation of slander' asks Kirby's help, as he has written several times to his 'Master General in Rome', with evidence to clear him, and has received no reply. 1p
376	7 October 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. J. Hassan, London, to Kirby: Writer is on his way back to Rome but has commissions for the Irish College in Paris, and must also call on Cardinal Manning to congratulate him 'on the noble part he took in the late strike. Everyone, Protestant and Catholic, praised him - even the Orangemen of the North had words of praise for him.' Regarding election 'for the Bishopric of Derry' - writer was 'not by any means edified with all' he saw and heard on the subject. 'The man whom I considered as the most eligible person - in fact, he was the only eligible person - got only three votes.' Seemingly surprised at 'the action of the priests' and 'would be very sorry to see the Diocese divided into factions and parties as seems to be the inevitable result'. 4pp

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377	8 October 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Introducing 2 students for the College. John Hartnete is to have free place when vacated by Mr. Boyle] and David Aherne will pay his own pension. 'Both distinguished students.' 3pp
378	8 October 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick F. Flynn, Waterford, to Kirby: Introducing Nicholas Cantwell, who is about to enter Propaganda, giving details of the young man and his family. Asks Kirby's 'advice and paternal solicitude' for him. They have no Bishop as yet, and the diocese is in a state of great expectancy, with many rumours about. 4pp
378 a	8 October 1889	Holograph letter from '+Eduardus Epus. Kilmorensis', Cavan, to Kirby: Application for faculties for a pious solidarity. [Latin] 2pp
379	9 October 1889	Holograph letter from [Gualdo Angel], Vaticano, to Kirby: Writer is commissioned by the Holy Father to inform Kirby that he had definitely abandoned the idea of nominating to the See of Waterford, Mgr. Healy, coadjutor of Clonfert. Instead, he is appointing John Egan, Vice Rector of the University of Dublin. [Italian] 1p
380	9 October 1889	Holograph letter [no name given], [] to Kirby: Letter deals with election of new Bishop and of alleged 'secret election' before that ordered by Rome. Gives various details. He will not subscribe his name as he fears abuse from parties concerned - and does not wish the letter shown to the Vice Rector, who might recognize the writing but who, nevertheless, is in a position to confirm what is written. Kirby is at liberty to speak of the matter to the Vice Rector and ascertain his views upon it. 2pp

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381	9 October 1889	Holograph letter from Oswald G. Wrigley, Banagher, to Kirby: Wrote a few weeks ago to ask Kirby if he would confer some of the minor orders on him. He will not be able to leave London until 25 October, and will be with Kirby again for a short time on or about 3 November. Leaves by next boat with Fr. Hayden. Is glad to hear that 'a lot of new students' will be coming to the College. Writer's health is now quite restored. 4pp
382	10 October 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. John Cassidy, Navan, to Kirby: As directed by Bishop Nulty, writer informs Kirby that Edward Bardon and John Gerathy, the bearers of this letter, are to enter the Irish College. Gives a good recommendation to them. 3pp
383	10 October 1889	Holograph letter from W.F. Dennehy, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer, who is the Editor of 'The Irish Catholic', asks Kirby's help in finding someone to act as correspondent in Rome, who could send reliable news, for which the paper would pay the costs and also pay a salary to the correspondent. So many errors are now appearing in Ireland that the matter is of vital importance. 5pp
384	11 October 1889	Holograph letter from [Gualdo Angel], Vatican, to Kirby: The nomination of Mgr. Egan as Bishop of Waterford is definitive. Writer has received from the Pope the medal asked for by Kirby and will send it to the College. [Italian] 1p
385	12 October 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Imelda, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for great favour obtained. Personal letter, giving convent news. 10pp
386	12 October 1889	Holograph letter from [Jayne], Rome, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to the convent of the Compassion. Personal letter. [French] 3pp

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387	12 October 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition for forwarding. 2pp
388	13 October 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. B. FitzPatrick, Clonliffe, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Bull, who is visiting Rome. 3pp
389	14 October 1889	Holograph letter from Suor M. Colomba Cometti, Velletri, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
390	15 October 1889	Holograph letter from S. Luzi, Arciprete, [Suprano in Inverina], to Kirby: Personal letter, asking help for brother's family. [Italian] 2pp
391	16 October 1889	Holograph letter from William T. Stead, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding recommendation from Cardinal Manning - writer wishes to call on Kirby at his convenience. 1p
392	16 October 1889	Holograph letter from 'The Sisters of Faith', Dublin, to Kirby: Giving details of death and good works of their 'very dear Mother Superior and Foundress, Miss Aylward'. Asks Kirby's prayers. 4pp
393	17 October 1889	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: At the Bishops' Meeting in Clonliffe College on 16 October, all present united in expressions of devotion and reverence towards the Holy See, and their detestation of the 'Bruno infamy'. 2pp
394	18 October 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. di S. Geltrude, Capua, to Kirby: Personal letter - spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
395	18 October 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of 'Maggie' and 'Elly', nieces of Kirby. Mentions new student at the Irish College, John Joseph Carroll, of whom he speaks highly. 6pp

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396	19 October 1889	Holograph letter from [D. Lorenzo, Prof. Lorrerri], [] to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
397	20 October 1889	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer is glad that the matter about which Kirby wrote to him is one in which he has no responsibility, official or otherwise. 'It raises one of the gravest questions that could be raised in reference to our Irish Church'. The new Bishop 'is, personally, a most amiable ecclesiastic'. But the only reliable way in which 'the Holy See can obtain information as to the qualifications of any Irish priest for an Irish Bishopric is the way for many years recognized and followed by the Holy See in its dealing with us in such matters, I cannot but feel most strongly that, this way having now been abandoned, a grave and most perilous crisis has been reached in the relations between the Holy See and Ireland.' As regards document sent him by Vatican, the writer has 'taken the best and wisest counsel available as to the prudence of making any public use of it'. Has decided to delay until appointment be made to Waterford, 'in reference to which very strange rumours were afloat'. These rumours are now seen to confirm 'the boasts of those whose views are expressed by Mr. H.W. in his now famous letter. Any publication of the document now would only expose the Holy See to insult. The technical contradiction, so carefully worded, would be received with open incredulity. It flatly contradicts a most formal statement of Mgr. Persico's.' 4pp
398	20 October 1889	Holograph letter from F.N. Cruise, M.D., Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing friends wintering in Rome. 1p
399	21 October 1889	Holograph letter from +T.J. McRedmond, Killaloe, to Kirby: Writer apologizes for not having written to thank Kirby for having communicated to the Archbishop of Cashel the news of the writer's appointment as Coadjutor Bishop of Killaloe. Is sending two students to the Irish College. Very pleased at appointment of Dr. Egan as Bishop of Waterford, as are all priests and people of that dioceses. Speaks highly of him. 4pp

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400	24 October 1889	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses two pounds for 32 Masses, giving details. Is still in great financial difficulties and ill. 4pp
401	24 October 1889	Holograph letter from 'Mother', Derry, to []: Writer begs the person to whom the letter is addressed to ask Kirby to use his influence to get him appointed Bishop. People are quiet, but if anyone else is appointed 'they are determined to make Derry very hot for him'. Protestants are as anxious as Catholics. Writer is sure that he 'could make a great many converts amongst the aristocrats'. No one else could do all that has to be done. Must not let his affection for Kirby prevent him. Dr. Kirby is saintly and unselfish and will understand. Personal and diocesan news. Writer trusts no one. 4pp
402	25 October 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition. Mentions new student, Patrick F. Faloona. 2pp
403	27 October 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Kenelm Vaughan, London, S.W.1., to Kirby: The Address has been sent off to Mg. Gadd, to present to Bishop Keane in the name of the Presentation Committee. Encloses copy for Kirby, mentioning that it is 'most beautifully illuminated'. Hopes that 'all at Washington' will be pleased. Cardinal is very well and vigorous, and sends Kirby his affectionate remembrance. 3pp
404	28 October 1889	Holograph letter from Leopoldine de Robiano, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding chasubles for Mgr. Moran which are now ready. [French] 3pp
405	29 October 1889	Holograph letter from William Kelly, Raheny, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. Lee, visiting Rome. 2pp

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406	29 October 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Clare Molony, St. Columbkille's, New Zealand to Kirby: Writer gives name of diocese which is Christchurch and apologizes for not having done so before. 3pp
407	30 October 1889	Holograph letter from D.C. Coltsmann, Jnr., Brighton, to Kirby: As writer is married to late Count Murphy's only child. He thinks Pope might like to create him a Knight of St. Gregory so, as suggested by his friends, he asks Kirby to use his influence, telling him of all the estates he owns in Ireland, and that he belongs to an old Catholic family. 3pp
408	31 October 1889	Holograph letter from +M.A. Corrigan, New York, to Kirby: Regrets that he has not better news for Kirby, whose nephew has not called on writer again, despite his promise to do so during October, and despite a note reminding him. He will not forget him in his prayers, and a little later on will write to him again. Regarding Catholic Congress to be held 'in about ten days' time'. 2pp
409	2 November 1889	Holograph letter from +Hugh Conway, Ballina, to Kirby: Encloses request for dispensation for man to marry aunt of dead wife. 2pp
410	4 November 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. John McManus, Garrison, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculty to bless beads for self and curate, Rev. Francis O'Hara. 2pp
411	5 November 1889	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation - urgent, as parties have contracted an invalid marriage. At last meeting Bishops sent letter of sympathy to Pope. Fr. Codd is giving great satisfaction and is doing very well indeed. 2pp

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412	6 November 1889	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: At Dublin meeting writer tried to get deputation of Irish Bishops to represent Irish hierarchy at American centenary, but failed - only one consented to go, others said it was impossible as, indeed, it is for himself. However, a congratulatory letter, prepared by Archbishop of Cashel, has been sent on behalf of the whole body. 4pp
413	7 November 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. P. O'Neill, Rostrevor, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £14.0.0 for Masses as indicated 'to be said on a privileged altar'. Regarding instruction from Propaganda to enter names of faithful invested in the Scapular, which writer has not done as it is 'not the custom here'. Annual retreat at which large numbers were invested - asks Kirby's help so that the people may gain the indulgences despite their names not having been registered. Faculties requested for curate. 4pp
414	9 November 1889	Holograph letter from + E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses 2 petitions for dispensations. 2pp
415	10 November 1889	Holograph letter from Suor Candida Imberti, Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
416	11 November 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Andrew Lowry, C.C., Rostrevor, to Kirby: At request of Fr. O'Neill, P.P., writer asks for faculties to bless beads. Encloses three pounds for Masses for his intentions. 4pp
417	11 November 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. [...], Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter - spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
418	12 November 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. M. O'Riordan, Limerick, to Kirby: Personal letter apparently from an ex-student, [future rector], giving personal news, also news of conversion of Ausonio Franchi [Padre Bonavino], and news of work at St. Munchin's College. 6pp

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419	12 November 1889	Holograph letter from Fannie A. Kirby, Montclair, to Kirby: Personal letter of family news from a niece. 4pp
420	12 November 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Requests renewal of faculty for the Faithful companions. Regarding case of Gilburne and Hartnell whose petition writer sent the day before. Hopes Limerick students are satisfactory. Fr. Bourke is wonderfully well. 2pp
421	14 November 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. W.B. MacFeely, Coleraine, to Kirby: Sends Mass intentions. When can new Bishop be expected? Good, active, energetic man needed to 'infuse life into the manner of working of the diocese.' 3pp
422	14 November 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Joseph Howley, Longford, to Kirby: Personal letter giving convent news. 4pp
423	15 November 1889	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Pleased to hear that Kirby is better. Writer and her companions still undergoing 'terrible trial'. 4pp
424	16 November 1889	Holograph letter from Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore, to Kirby: Acknowledges congratulations from Kirby. The previous week 'will be ever remembered in the annals of the Catholic Church of America'. About 90 bishops present - U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, England, all represented. Hundreds of priests. Torchlight procession with 30,000 men extending the length of 5 miles. President of the U.S., Vice President, Secretary of State and majority of Cabinet attended the banquet after the ordination. 4pp
425	17 November 1889	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses four pounds for 62 Masses, as indicated. Writer still in 'deplorable state and most unwell'. 6pp
426	17 November 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition. 1p

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427	17 November 1889	Holograph letter from +M. Comerford, Monasterevan, to Kirby: Writer has been notified that his petition for Cross of St. Gregory to be bestowed on William Fitzpatrick is granted. Mr. F. sends the Pope, through him, the enclosed draft for fifty pounds, as a little offering in gratitude. Brief news of Ireland. 4pp
428	19 November 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding American and Russian bonds which Dr. Hassan wishes to have sent to Irish College, but which the Archbishop of Dublin thinks is too great a risk. Asks Kirby's opinion. Encloses two cheques which were delayed through writer's long absence. 3pp
429	19 November 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Andrew Horan, Ipswich, Queensland, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain dispensation from censures for a priest - gives details. 2pp
430	19 November 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Thomas Langan, Athlone, to Kirby: Requests faculties for blessing beads on behalf of Fr. John Greene and self. Local and personal news. 3pp
431	19 November 1889	Holograph letter from +J.P. Leahy, Newry, to Kirby: Parishioners of Rostrevor wish to be able to obtain a papal blessing for their parish priest, Fr. O'Neill, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his appointment to the parish. Asks Kirby's help. Writer also wants small present from Pope for a bazaar for new convent and schools at Warrenpoint. Personal news. In a postscript asks Kirby to accept five pounds. 4pp
432	19 November 1889	Holograph letter from M.F. Molony, Kingstown [Dun Laoghaire], to Kirby: Asks for privileges and indulgences granted to Children of Mary for the orphans of St. Joseph's Female Orphanage. 3pp

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433	20 November 1889	Holograph letter from John Joseph Flannery, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer understands that Kirby is relative of his dead father and writes to learn facts. Has put together 'couple of thousand pounds' while in the U.S.A. 4pp
434	21 November 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. James Dolan, P.P., V.F., Drumkeerin, to Kirby: Asks for renewal of faculties for himself and Fr. Thomas Drum, giving name of diocese and Bishop. 1p
435	21 November 1889	Holograph letter from +John McCluskey, Bishop of Albany, Albany, to Kirby: Regarding a student of the writer's, Ambrose O'Neill, who hopes to get into the American College in Rome - should this not be open when the young man arrives, writer hopes Kirby will help him with advice. 2pp
436	21 November 1889	Holograph letter from +William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Writer asks permission for Midnight Mass at Christmas for Convent of Mercy, Clonakilty, receiving Holy Communion at it. Same privilege asked for Mercy Sisters of Skibbereen.
437	22 November 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. P. Byrne, [Lismore], to Kirby: Writer acknowledges receipt of marriage dispensation. When new Bishop visits them he will, of course, be received with 'all the respect and cordial warmth the appointment of our Holy Father commands'. 2pp
438	22 November 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius, Wexford, to Kirby: Encloses £1.10.0 as Mass offering, indicating intentions. 4pp
439	22 November 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses petition. 1p

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440	26 November 1889	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Fr. Pettit is to send on the bonds for which Dr. Hassan wrote. Hopes to send reprint of his address on Catholic University question in a few days - action of Irish M.P.s in taking up this matter has upset the plans of the present Ministry. Writer also hopes to send copy of confidential paper he is sending round to the bishops. 'A great many will take up the temperance movement ... The real meaning of temperance curiously does not seem to be very generally understood'. Presumes Kirby saw the exposure writer had to make regarding mistranslation of Pope's letter to the Bishop, now Archbishop, of St. Paul's, Minnesota. Sorry to say the person responsible for it 'is the good prelate himself'. 4pp
441	27 November 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Di Ricci, Dunedin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp
442	27 November 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Costelloe, R.C.A., Woodward, to Kirby: Encloses two applications for dispensations. 4pp
443	27 November 1889	Holograph letter from +T.J. Power, St. John's, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Christmas greetings. Writer sends photograph of female orphanage to awaken Kirby's sympathy in the work, and to remind him to pray for them. Thinks Kirby must have been grieved to hear of the destruction of Harbour Grace - great calamity - building cost about \$250,000 and 'occupied 3 bishops during a period of 25 years'. Two priests are now collecting for new church in Canada and the U.S.A.. Bishop has also had trouble - several deaths occurring, among them the Guardian, at the male orphanage through fever. Mentions celebrations in Baltimore, unable to attend himself but has heard there were 2 cardinals, 17 archbishops, 76 bishops, present. Press announced last night a rupture between Vatican and Germany, but perhaps not true. 4pp

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444	29 November 1889	Holograph letter from Charles R. Tanner [M.P. for Mid-Cork], Rome, to Kirby: As visitor to Rome, writer would like to pay his respects to Kirby, hoping he will not 'be deemed too presuming'. 1p
445	29 November 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Encloses petition. 1p
446	29 November 1889	Holograph letter from F.W. Dandier, Thur�, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding father's recent death, and details of how writer and her husband came to be with him at the time. 4pp
447	1 December 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Imelda, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding health of Mother Augustine, for whom Kirby obtained papal blessing. Gives details of death of Fr. Kelly, for whom she asks Kirby's prayers. Thanks him for promising to try to obtain relics of St. Anthony of Padua. 4pp
448	2 December 1889	Holograph letter from J. Gleeson, Roscrea, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letters. Hopes to receive Cistercian habit next Sunday which is Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 1p
449	5 December 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gertrude, Gort, to Kirby: Reminding Kirby of request for Chalice from Pope. Their Bishop has given permission for Mass to be celebrated in the wards of the Gort hospital. If Kirby succeeds in getting the Chalice a young student returning to Ireland after ordination on 21 December will bring it with him. 2pp

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450	6 December 1889	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer is grateful for Kirby's letters. Affairs in Ireland much the same as before. Question of a Catholic University attracts attention, but he does not think it will come to anything. Mgr. Satelli stayed a night with the writer on his way back to Rome via a visit to Fr. Howlett, his secretary's family. Temperance question much spoken of on approach of Fr. Matthew's centenary. Archbishop of Dublin proposes association which will include 'all enemies to drunkenness', but writer does not know how he intends to carry it out. For himself, he has established League of the Cross in all parishes, also halls where men may assemble at night after work, and not be tempted to go to public houses. Does not think 'any lasting good can be effected without religion'. Some people over zealous. Cites incident of people getting up halls 'for women to assemble at night for dancing' which, when he heard of it, he stopped, as he did not think mothers should be away from their families or young girls from their homes late at night. 4pp
451	6 December 1889	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Writer returns dispensation because it is not possible to fulfil the conditions - gives reasons - is anxious for it to be granted without the conditions, since the woman is weak and the man is determined 'and of a class which does not bear a good character here - a returned American'. Glad Kirby has recovered health. Asks renewal of privilege of receiving Holy Communion at Midnight Mass for Mercy Sisters in Longford. Bazaar for Cathedral a great success. 1p
452	8 December 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Agnes Vickers, Glasnevin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter, copy of which was sent to the sisters in each of the Branch convents in the country. Fr. Gowan read Kirby's letter to the Sisters in church on Sunday after its arrival. 4pp
453	10 December 1889	Holograph letter from +William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges permission for Skibbereen Community of Order of Mercy to have Midnight Mass. Clonakilty Mercy Sisters desire same privilege. 2pp

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454	11 December 1889	Holograph letter from +M.A. Corrigan, New York, to Kirby: Writer sends note received from John Kirby - no address given, acknowledging the Archbishop's note and stating his intention to call him up 'at an early date'. Writer mentions 'Laybourn bubble of the Universal Bank project', which he describes as a great fraud. Laybourn was the writer of malicious article against Archbishop Corrigan and Bishop Loughlin of Brooklyn. 3pp
455	12 December 1889	Holograph letter from +John Egan, Lismore, to Kirby: 'To remove some uneasiness in the Diocese I thought it desirable to come here as soon as possible' and thus, explains the writer, on account of all the travelling he has had to do, it has not been possible to write to Cardinal Simeoni, but he expects to do so the following day, and he sent him a telegram the day before, 'thanking him very warmly'. 3pp
456	13 December 1889	Holograph letter from +J.P. Leahy, Newry, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for blessings for self and Fr. O'Neill on occasion of latter's Jubilee, as also for 'handsome present' sent for Warrenpoint bazaar. 2pp
457	14 December 1889	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Dundalk, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. Coleman who, with her children, is visiting Rome. 3pp

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458	14 December 1889	Holograph letter from +M. Comerford, Monasterevan, to Kirby: Writer has sent Papal Brief on to Mr. Fitzpatrick with an extract from Kirby's letter. Mgr. Satolli paid a short visit to Russellstown, home of the parents of Dr. Howlett, who acted as his secretary and interpreter. Thinks the Monsignor would have remained longer in Ireland 'but that the politicians were for ascribing his visit to political objects'. Understands he spent several days with Cardinal Manning. Association of Sacred Heart, established at Carlow, now has 1,300 members. Archbishop of Dublin is much interested in 'his temperance project', but writer fears it 'will not be possible to unite in the same Association the two purposes - total abstinence and mere temperance'. 4pp
459	17 December 1889	Holograph letter from Fr. Gaetano da Guarcino, Tivoli, to Kirby: Writer sends greetings for the coming holy season, and asks Kirby not to forget the poor little convent. [Italian] 2pp
460	18 December 1889	Holograph letter from Maurice Lenihan, Limerick, to Kirby: Writer asks 'a little aid at this great coming Festival'. Since Kirby wrote to him 4 years ago he has not liked to approach him or to trouble him. Gives details of his children, he himself is nearly 80 years of age, and his life is now 'a severe and trying struggle'. 2pp
461	18 December 1889	Holograph letter from Michael G. Mulhall, Balbriggan, to Kirby: Christmas greetings. Sends 'annual offering for the Irish College'. Personal and family news. 3pp
462	18 December 1889	Holograph letter from M.T. Lowry, Abbess, Kenmare, to Kirby: Encloses three pounds from their Community of Poor Clares to the 'holy sisters in Assisi', asking their prayers for the repose of their 'beloved Bishop's soul'. Asks for oil painting 'however small' of St. Clare, their patroness, and will gladly pay for it. 4pp

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463	21 December 1889	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Regarding death of Mgr. Neville on feast of the Immaculate Conception. Since death of Dr. Delany 'our relations were very friendly' states the writer, remarking how they worked 'in perfect harmony'. Now they can only pray for him. Regarding successor, there are many with 'rival claims', but writer has decided to divide the parish - one of 22,000 people, with a revenue of £800 p.a., which would increase were the people better looked after. Has decided to ask for dignity of Dean of the Chapter for Canon McSweeney of Bandon, and gives reasons. Has received letter from Mgr. Jacobini regarding woman who wished dispensation to marry her brother-in-law. As she has since taken the law into her own hands, writer did not think a reply was needed, and asks Kirby to tell the Monsignor so. Encloses four pounds for society in Rome for which Mgr. Jacobini sent him a number of collecting books. 4pp
464	21 December 1889	Holograph letter from Nicolina Frenza, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks. [Italian] 2pp
465	21 December 1889	Holograph letter from V. Rev. James J. Ryan, Thurles, to Kirby: Acknowledges letter with enclosure from S. Penitentiary which writer sent to its destination. Glad to see Mr. Cotter's name in prominent place on Premium list and brought it to attention of Archbishop. Writes of growth of Church - Ireland still very troubled, once flourishing town of Tipperary now is 'by half, reduced to ruins'. People living in fear of being turned out. Bishop of Maitland has, perhaps, told Kirby how he found them all in Thurles - at St. Patrick's College - 97 interns on this term's list. Students good in quality as well as numbers - more than half destined for Australian or American missions - sends programme of entrance Examination to give an idea of how they stand - Dr. Hayes is leaving for 'the pastoral charge of Bansha' after 20 years of teaching. Will be much missed. Writer still plodding on, troubled with rheumatism since last visit to Rome. 4pp

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466	22 December 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, [] to Kirby: Encloses petition. Promises to send annual Peter's Pence in a day or two. Birthday and Christmas greetings. 1p
467	22 December 1889	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Mackenzie and Dr. Hichet, New Zealand M.P.s - 'fair, just men, disposed to act in a liberal manner in reference to Catholic questions'. 2pp
468	23 December 1889	Holograph letter from Rev. Charles Lawless, Kingstown, to Kirby: Though in Ireland, writer's heart 'would ever be in Rome'. Mentions the six Christmases spent there. Now chaplain to an orphanage where duties are light, but he often has to preach in next parish. Superioress of Orphanage wrote some time back to Kirby regarding Children of Mary and affiliation to Congregation in Rome - writer asks Kirby to let him know where he should apply. 4pp
469	23 December 1889	Holograph letter from Chiara Metilde Rossi, Assisi, to Kirby: While on the point of writing to Kirby, the letter from him has been received, with the charity of their Sisters at Kenmare. Grateful thanks. One day they will send pictures of their Mother Clare. [Italian] 2pp
470	24 December 1889	Holograph letter from Suor [], Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 3pp
471	26 December 1889	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer encloses draft for £370, being £355 Peter's Pence and £15 for Kirby. Encloses also card which he wishes Pope to bless and indulgence - explains how he hopes to use it when priests visit those who, through drink, are lapsing - 'a monthly indulgence would be a great inducement to our people, as they are very fond of indulgences'. 4pp
472	27 December 1889	Holograph letter from Mgr. Bernard O'Reilly, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter of Christmas greetings and personal news. 3pp

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473	27 December 1889	Holograph letter from J. Canon O'Farrell, Longford, to Kirby: Personal letter of birthday wishes for 1 January - news as to good health of Bishop Woodlock in spite of heavy work. 4pp
474	27 December 1889	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Clare Elliott, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter of birthday greetings from Dominican Community. Good news of Mother Augustine's wonderful recovery. News of friends. 'Rev. Mr. Farrington's' mother always asking after Kirby. 3pp
475	28 December 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Gertrude, Listowel, to Kirby: Personal note of greeting from Presentation Convent - asks prayers for their children and their work. 2pp
476	29 December 1889	Holograph letter from W.B. McFeely, Coleraine, to Kirby: Birthday greetings. Writer understands they have a new Bishop for the Diocese. Much to be done in organization. Stricter supervision over priests. Attention should be drawn to many defects, but who is to do it and to whom should they address representations?. Priests complain, but no step is taken to remedy matters. Encloses £1.7.6. for Mass offerings, as indicated. 3pp
477	29 December 1889	Holograph letter from A. Helen Murphy, London, to Kirby: Personal letter - thanking Kirby for his 'most valued blessing'. All 3 will be thinking of him on his birthday. 2pp
478	29 December 1889	Holograph letter from Mary Cullen, Bournemouth, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for present. News of writer's brother Paul's health, which seems to be better lately. News of friends. 4pp

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479	29 December 1889	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer encloses 'trifling expression' of his 'permanently grateful regards', timing it so to reach Kirby on his birthday. News of new association in Ireland to protect the people, to which he gives encouragement as it is so necessary. Hopes Pope is well 'notwithstanding brutal conduct of the Freemason Government'. Has little hope of practical sympathy from an English Government. Writer has sent £500 to Fr. Glynn for new Irish church in Rome, but people displeased and, for the first time, collection of Peter's Pence had to 'be put aside'. Propaganda, on behalf of Pope, made Fr. Glynn's collection obligatory. Probably the same has happened in other places. They cannot do everything. The people 'require to be managed'. 4pp
480	31 December 1889	Holograph letter from F.W. Dandier, Thuré, to Kirby: Greetings. Sad times for Church and Pope. Thanks for pictures of Our Lady. Writer's husband is touched by Kirby's kind remembrance of him. Her sister wishes to obtain a teaching job in a school, and asks Kirby to remember her if he hears of anything in her line. 4pp
481	31 December 1889	Holograph letter from +John Coffey, Killarney, to Kirby: Writer commends 'in every way' he can the application mentioned in enclosed. Mr. Coltsmann is a member of an ancient Catholic family - asks Kirby to place application before the authorities. [see KIR/1889/407, on which Kirby wrote 'ansd. I am sorry, not sufft'.] 3pp

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1	3 January 1890	Copy of a letter from [Kirby] [although not in his handwriting] to the Bishop of Down and Connor: The previous day Kirby presented the Peter's Pence of £355 from Down and Connor to the Pope, and was authorized to convey to the Bishop, priests, religious communities and people, the Apostolic Benediction. Kirby then gave the Pope the card sent by the Bishop [see KIR/1889/471], explaining its purpose - 'withdrawing the working classes from the dreadful crime of intoxication'. Pope granted blessing to all who use it and observe the promise contained therein, and also granted indulgence of 200 days for each day the promise 'would be made and fulfilled', as well as a plenary indulgence to be gained twice a year by each associate who adopted the frequent use of the 'holy and useful exercise'. Left it to the Bishop to decide which days. 4pp
2	3 January 1890	Holograph letter from Maria Letizia Avetrani, Monastero di Maria Ssma. Annunziata, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude for 10 lira. [Italian] 3pp
3	4 January 1890	Copy of a letter from [Kirby] [although not in his handwriting] to a Miss D'Arcy: In acknowledging Christmas greetings, Kirby reciprocates them - mentions loss she has sustained 'in the death of poor Mons. Neville'. 'For some special reasons I do not deem it prudent for 'me' to transmit the enclosed. But if you post it, you may be sure of its reaching its destination.' 2pp
4	5 January 1890	Holograph letter from L.M. Card., [Vicariate], Rome to Kirby: Introducing the Countess De [Le Peynon] and asking Kirby to persuade her to return to Ireland. 2pp
5	7 January 1890	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer encloses 2 petitions for dispensations and will send out the petition returned to him 'in a few days'. 2pp

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6	8 January 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Grateful thanks for blessings and indulgences. Asks for elucidation of some points in conditions laid down. Has sent Kirby's letter to the press, and the printers made one or two errors but they were not material. Omitted the amount of Peter's Pence. 4pp
7	8 January 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Clare Elliott, Sion Hill, to Kirby: Thanks for blessing of Pope. Distressed over trouble Kirby had about the surplices, and is anxious to know her indebtedness in their respect. Sr. Imelda 'added two pounds to the Bank post bill towards them', but they have no idea of their price. 4pp
8	8 January 1890	Holograph letter from +Daniel Murphy, Hobart, to Kirby: Asks permission for nuns to keep the Blessed Sacrament in convent chapels and gives addresses of the four convents concerned. 3pp
9	8 January 1890	Holograph letter from Fr. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for £38.6.5 'which with insurance and postage of £11.13.10 makes £50.0.3 amount of dividend on Government Stock for January quarter. Mild winter in Ireland. Uneasiness on account of General Simmons in Rome because it is believed 'that there is a question of establishing diplomatic relations between the Pope and England'. Irish Hierarchy 'appears' to be against it, and also Cardinal Manning. Writer hopes nothing will be done without consulting Irish bishops and Cardinal Manning. Hopes to send 2 addresses of Archbishop in few days, they are being published in pamphlet form. Government 'can scarcely evade dealing with the University question this coming session'. 3pp

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10	8 January 1890	Holograph letter from George O'Byrne, Nottingham, to Kirby: Wishes Kirby 'a happy New Year under better government conditions and a more just and more papal Italy.' Giving news of 'afflicted' sister's death and of his own living made 'mainly on the sale of brief poems'. England is becoming more appreciative of poetry, and he hopes to be 'somewhat famous' and to make a fair living in time. Mentions kind letters from Kirby with enclosures, stating that 'a few shillings at times are of incalculable service', as they enable him to get poems printed at once 'before the demand evaporates'. 3pp
11	11 January 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Regarding 'half-burse' in Irish College - writer asks also for relics as he has to consecrate 'at least 25 altar stones at once'. 3pp
12	11 January 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas McRedmond, Killaloe, to Kirby: Thanks for letter and faculties. On way from retreat at Roscrea to his consecration on the morrow at Ennis - Archbishop of Cashel is to be the consecrating prelate, assisted by Bishops of Ross and Limerick. Encloses petition regarding appointment of P.P. and V.G. of Killaloe. Glad that his two students give satisfaction. 3pp
13	13 January 1890	Holograph letter from W. McFeely, Coleraine, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter. Understands necessity for studying Scripture. Hopes Fr. O'Doherty, new Bishop Elect, will be guided in discharge of his duties. There has recently been 'a good deal of friction' between Irish people and Rome - priests have it firmly fixed in their minds that Rome is not to be trusted. Fr. O'Doherty has always been moderate in his ideas, while giving general satisfaction and writer writes enthusiastically of him. Official Decree is awaited so that consecration can take place before Lent. Dr. Kelly was so long unable to attend to much business that now various appointments have to be made. Encloses Mass intentions. 4pp

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14	13 January 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius, Wexford, to Kirby: Personal letter. Writer is going to Australia with other Sisters as Dr. Neville of Sandhurst wishes a foundation of Our Lady of Mercy Sisters from his native diocese. Further news. Sails from London on 14th February, reaching Naples on the 24th. 4pp
15	14 January 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. William J. Galvin, '271, Prairie Av.', to Kirby: Writer requests, on behalf of Sisters of Mercy attached to diocesan orphan asylum copy of miraculous picture of 'Mother of Mercy' in church of St. Pudenziana, in Rome, which the writer - when student at the American College there - often saw. Sisters wish to have picture in oils done from the print. 2pp
16	15 January 1890	Holograph letter from +James Donnelly, Monaghan, to Kirby: Writer begs Kirby's help. Two of his priests, Fr. Francis Timony and Fr. Patrick McGlone, have left their missions 'and set out for Sydney without any leave or permission from me'. He understands 'that after staying some days in London they will travel overland to Brindisi or Naples, taking Rome on the way, probably expecting to obtain there, through your Grace, the permission of the Pope to leave this diocese.' Writer implores Kirby 'to give them no countenance in this, but to advise them to return to their duty here.' Explains that about three years previously two other priests did the same kind of thing, while 'The first cause of all this seems to have been the action of the Rev. Dr. O'Haran, a priest of this diocese, formerly in your College, who, without any reference to me but with the Pope's leave I presume, broke off his connection with us and went out with Cardinal Moran to Sydney...' Already the diocese is short of priests - having four on loan from other bishops - and if these two go away 'we shall require 2 more'. 3pp

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17	16 January 1890	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Refers to previous petition sent for division of parish of St. Finbarr, and also petition for appointment of Canon McSwiney as Dean of Chapter. Now learns that 3 names should have been sent for latter, and therefore adds those of Canon Maguire and Canon Shenkwin, giving details. Lately felt obliged to speak strongly against secret societies - received well in the city, the people present 'stood up waived their hats and cheered' loudly. 4pp
18	17 January 1890	Holograph letter from Georgina Dolphin, Loughrea, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby if he would obtain relic of the True Cross for her sister and herself. Mentions 'number of poor sick tenants about to whom this sacred relic would be a great source of comfort and happiness...' Asks prayers for self and family. 5pp
19	17 January 1890	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer is sorry to say Peter's Pence does not reach usual amount, and fears that Fr. Glynn's collection interfered with the Peter's Pence Collection. They have over £500 for the new church, with more still to come. The truth is that between necessary collections for local purposes, Fr. Glynn's, Peter's Pence and the Holy Land, it is difficult to find a free Sunday in some parishes. Gives details of the difficulties facing the Church in Ireland at present. Besides the draft for Peter's Pence, writer encloses 'small cheque as a New Year's gift' for Kirby. 4pp
20	18 January 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and papal blessing [see KIR/1890/1]. People delighted to learn of indulgences which will help cause of temperance. Regarding Apostleship of Prayer, which he hopes to see established 'not only in every parish, but in every school' in the diocese. 4pp

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21	23 January 1890	Holograph letter from +Peter McIntire, Charlottetown, Canada, to Kirby: Writer's Coadjutor is not yet appointed and he cannot discover the reason - asks Kirby to expedite the appointment of Rev. J.C. Macdonald as coadjutor and, if it is not possible, then to let him know the difficulties preventing it. 1p
22	24 January 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John K. O'Doherty, Newtownstewart, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for congratulations and also copy of 'Osservatore Romano'. Telegram from Dr. Hassan to Primate yesterday states Brief has been forwarded from Rome. Until it arrives it is not possible to take steps for his consecration. Regarding parish of East Ardstraw, wishes Rev. T. O'Doherty appointed. Also postulates for himself as Bishop, parish of Templemore as recommended in both cases by the Primate to do. 3pp
23	25 January 1890	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Thanks for letter and document regarding Canon McSwiney. Regarding division of parish, wished to have authority of Rome so that no dispute could arise later, as some think he cannot do this. Gives details. Mentions consecrations of Dr. McRedmond and Dr. Egan of Waterford, stating that appointment of latter is universally approved. 4pp
24	27 January 1890	Holograph letter from Fr. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for ten pounds and ten pence, being dividend on six hundred pounds Great Northern Railway stock. University question very much to the fore. 2pp
25	27 January 1890	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Enclosure forwarded by Kirby for further information is now returned with answer which writer hopes is satisfactory. 1p

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26	28 January 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to forward enclosed petition. 1p
27	28 January 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John K. O'Doherty, Newtownstewart, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for Brief, faculties. Regarding parishes now vacant. Consecration will take place as soon as possible, 'for the diocese has been long enough without a bishop'. 3pp
27 a	28 January 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. William Whitmore, Rome, to Kirby: Writer regrets he will 'not have the honour' of Kirby's company 'on Thursday', but has much pleasure in accepting the invitation to the Irish College on St. Agatha's day. 1p
28	29 January 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Joseph Browne S.J., St. Asaph, North Wales, to Kirby: Writer introduces himself as the nephew of Miss Cullen of Liverpool, and 'as one who owes' Kirby a great deal 'of very real kindness'. Enumerates kindnesses. Asks share in Masses and prayers. 3pp
29	30 January 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. William. Sheehy, Waterford, to Kirby: Acknowledges letters on behalf of Bishop of Waterford, recovering from congestion of lungs, and Bishop of Killaloe staying at John's College, who is suffering from influenza. 2pp
30	30 January 1890	Holograph letter from Sister Mary Clare Molony, New Zealand, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for sending them, at Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, the 'little Roman pictures', documents affiliating Sodalities of their schools to Arch-confraternity in Rome. 4pp
31	30 January 1890	Holograph letter from 'Maria P.', Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and family news. [Italian] 2pp

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32	30 January 1890	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £13.13.6, half-year dividend of McGivney Ardagh Burse at Irish College. Writer hopes his students are going on well and sends them his blessing. If their course of studies is nearly done, could Kirby get them temporary work in England, as Ardagh does not need their services at present. Would not on any account like them idle in Ireland. 'The enemy of souls always finds work for idle priests to do'. Regarding names mentioned in Burse, thinks Dr. Verdon's should be taken out, as he 'seems now settled at the Antipodes'. Regrets to give bad news of Dr. Egan, recently consecrated Bishop of Waterford, who is in 'a critical state' with 2 Infirmarian Sisters having been called in to nurse him, and 'one of the leading Dublin physicians was summoned to attend him in Waterford...' Writer was 'struck at His Lordship's unhealthy appearance at the Consecration of the Coadjutor Bishop of Killaloe, at which he preached...' Bazaar for St. Mel's cathedral a success. Hopes to make 'ad limina' visit after Easter. Wishes to ask advice in Rome regarding student, Rev. Francis O'Reilly, who, owing to a gun accident, has lost his thumb and forefinger of his left hand. He is a subdeacon. Delighted that Cause of Fr. Pallotti 'seems to be again making progress. Is he likely to be Beatified?' Asks after Pope's health. Everything is well at Newtownforbes under new Superioress. 4pp
33	2 February 1890	Holograph letter from Florence O'Mahony, Killarney, to Kirby: Personal letter - personal and family news. 4pp
34	2 February 1890	Holograph letter from Alderman and Sheriff Stuart Knill, London, S.E., to Kirby: Formal introduction of Dr. and Mrs. Kavanagh of Greenwich, who will be visiting Rome. [written in third person] 1p

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35	5 February 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Acknowledges dispensation, 'Osservatore Romano', Encyclical and letter. Asks, with regret, that Kirby send them 'at once' Mr. M. Kelly, as so many priests have died 'and some few were obligated to remove from the mission', so that either congregations must be left without Mass on Sundays, or they must call back a few students who have not completed their course of studies. Writer hopes to ordain Mr. Kelly as soon as he arrives. Feels less difficulty about him than about others whom he has had to send for before. His health is 'wonderful'. 4pp
36	5 February 1890	Holograph letter from +T.J. McRedmond, Waterford, to Kirby: Writer gives news that Bishop of Waterford is 'over his dangerous attack'. Thanks Kirby for letter and congratulations. No letter yet received from Propaganda regarding leave to appoint successor in his parish of Killaloe - would Kirby please expedite it, as several important diocesan arrangements depend on the appointment. Encloses draft for ten pounds for Kirby. 4pp
37	5 February 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John P. Lonergan, [], to Kirby: Addressed to 'Most Reverend and Dear Cousin', writer reminds Kirby that on his ordination 'about 5 years ago' another cousin, Fr. Treacy, sent his photograph. Gives a few details of himself, but most of letter concerns his brother, who should have been ordained the December before but who, on account of 'a foolish prank' was sent to a Trappist Monastery in Gethsemane, Kentucky, 'where the degraded among our clergy are sent to reform'. Asks Kirby to use his influence to have this punishment reduced. 6pp
38	6 February 1890	Holograph letter from Sister Mary L. Kiernan, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby on behalf of self and the Community of Our Lady of Mercy for 'lovely pictures'. 2pp

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39	7 February 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Michael Heany, P.P., Kilconly, Tuam, to Kirby: Regarding petition for dispensation which Kirby returned to the writer to be presented according to custom. 2pp
40	9 February 1890	Holograph letter from Bartholomew Teeling, Hautes Pyrenees, to Kirby: Asks information regarding Lenten Indult for soldiers of the old Pontifical Army. On account of his health, the writer has found the dispensation 'at times very useful', cannot ask Monsignor Stonor, who for many years has sent him an intimation of the dispensation at the beginning of Lent, as the Monsignor is now ill, and the writer does not like to bother him. Hopes to bring wife and family of 5 children to Rome this year, and looks forward to seeing again Kirby and the Irish College. Sends photograph of 'a future Pontifical Zouave', his eldest son, asking Kirby to return it. 3pp
41	11 February 1890	Holograph letter from Joseph J. McKeon, Kingston, Canada, to Kirby: Writer wishes to become a priest, but is disbarred for family reasons. Asks Kirby to obtain for him the necessary dispensation. 4pp
42	11 February 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Agnes Scully, Gort, to Kirby: Writer, from the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, asks help for poor people, always suffering in winter 'but now, at the beginning of Spring, when they hoped to get employment it has pleased God to visit them with sickness...a sort of low typhoid fever, and others are suffering from influenza...' Scarcely a house without someone ill. 3pp
43	12 February 1890	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation, but mentions one which seems to have been overlooked. Gives details. 3pp
44	12 February 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas J. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Jevers and his son, visiting Rome. 2pp

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45	13 February 1890	Holograph letter from The Rev. Thomas Roche, Dundee, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby's help in obtaining a prize from the Pope for a bazaar being held for the building of a new convent and schools for the Sisters of Mercy - explains situation. 4pp
46	15 February 1890	Holograph letter from Vic. Apost. John Leonard, Cape Town, to Kirby: Recommending for an Audience his sister and her husband, named Mr and Mrs. Brady, visiting Rome. 2pp
47	16 February 1890	Holograph letter from Sister Philomena, S. Eugenia, Rome, to Kirby: Gives convent news - asks if Kirby has 'a few Masses, for just now that good father of mine is in great want of alms for Masses'. 2pp
48	19 February 1890	Holograph letter from T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Regarding request of Countess Murphy for permission to have the Blessed Sacrament in her private oratory, on condition that Mass be said every week. While most unusual in Ireland, writer does not like to refuse his commendation, especially as it is likely that her daughter will be confined to the house for life. Asks again regarding division of parish of St. Finbar about which he has written to Cardinal Simeoni. Regarding influenza epidemic and Lenten fast. 4pp
49	19 February 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, [], to Kirby: Encloses petition. Pope's Encyclical 'is a grand letter' - must have some effect on Protestant rulers and statesmen. Dispensation regarding fast and abstinence very opportune on account on amount of sickness. 3pp

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50	19 February 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Dunne, Broken Hill, to Kirby: Acknowledges with grateful thanks, two portable altars and sets of vestments sent writer 'in care of Rev. Mr. Hayden'. Although letter is addressed from his residence at Broken Hill, he is in fact 300 miles away, at Hay, as he is now visiting some of the outlying missions of his diocese. Was present at blessing of the new sanctuary of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, which when it is finished 'will rival in architectural beauty many of the famous cathedrals of the old world'. Gives some account of 'our great Cardinal Archbishop'. Rest of letter concerned with Australian news. 8pp
51	20 February 1890	Holograph letter from P. Costelloe, Woodford, Ireland, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for ten pounds, asking for 80 masses and giving details. 1p
52	20 February 1890	Holograph letter from Monica Dolphin, [probably Loughrea], to Kirby: Personal letter marked 'Private'. 4pp
53	20 February 1890	Holograph letter from M.J. Rhodes, Rome, to Kirby: Influenza prevents writer from calling personally, so she sends letter by an English maid to whom Kirby can speak freely, to ask the great privilege of a papal blessing for her eldest daughter who is in London, and said to be dying. 3pp
54	20 February 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain detailed information regarding instruction of 22 February 1888 for consecration at the same time of several altars in a cathedral church - gives details. 4pp
55	21 February 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Agnes Vickers, Dublin, to Kirby: Gives news of Fr. Gowan's recent illness. Encloses ten pounds for 80 Masses and two pounds for Kirby. Convent news regarding new schools and land. 4pp

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56	21 February 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph [Prioress], Loughrea, to Kirby: Encloses list of Masses she wishes said. Personal news of coming Jubilee. Her Community wants to know whether Kirby's Christian name is Thomas. 1p
57	22 February 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius Walsh, [on board 'The Austral'], Yarramonga, Victoria, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for box of gifts. 4pp
58	22 February 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. William Rooney, C.C., Delvin, to Kirby: Writer asks for prize from Pope for their bazaar to complete the building of a chapel begun by Dr. Higgins, before he became Bishop. Encloses 2 newspaper cuttings so that Kirby can see what has been done and what they hope to do. Fr. Coyne, P.P. unable to write because of influenza. 2pp
59	23 February 1890	Holograph letter from Francis Quinlan, Rome, to Kirby: Before leaving Rome writer would like to express his gratitude for Kirby's kindness to himself and his family. 1p
60	23 February 1890	Holograph letter from +John McCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Writer encloses draft for £600 and £5.0.0 Peter's Pence from diocese for last 2 years. Considering many collections, he thinks it shows people's devotion to Pope. Mentions trials of Church in Italy. In a 'Personal' note he encloses ten pounds for Kirby - asks for a couple of Masses - asks also for permission for Presentation Brothers, recently established in Queenstown, to keep the Blessed sacrament in their chapel. 4pp
61	23 February 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Prevented by sickness from writing before to ask Kirby not to be offended at her 'bequest a few weeks ago' - she thinks now that 'it was unseemly and out of place'. However, she would like to be able to use his name, if necessary, but only to the Bishop or to his V.G. Writes of sickness all around. 2pp

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62	24 February 1890	Holograph letter from +John McCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Writer encloses additional draft for £5.0.0 Peter's Pence, which has come in since draft of £600 was drawn. 'This makes the contribution to Peter's Pence from this Diocese for the last 2 years £605.0.0 [see KIR/1890/60]. Asks permission to keep the Blessed Sacrament in his private oratory, and to say the prayers to gain a plenary indulgence, as he is getting old and 'it is inconvenient for me to go to the Cathedral for that purpose'. Good news regarding completion of cathedral. 4pp
63	24 February 1890	Holograph letter from [J.K. Wight], Rome, to Kirby: Bearer of letter is Dr. Molloy, President of Royal Irish University. In 1886 Kirby obtained dispensation for writer to marry before leaving Ireland for India, and he and his wife now wish to call and thank him in person. 3pp
64	25 February 1890	Holograph letter from +James Donnelly, Monaghan, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Brady from Blackrock, Dublin and asking for favours for them while they are in Rome. 2pp
65	25 February 1890	Holograph letter from Sister M. Vincent, Dundee, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for gift from Pope with blessing and tells of the work done by the Convent of Mercy. 4pp
66	25 February 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. P.J. Tynan, Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Brady, visiting Rome. 2pp
67	26 February 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas J. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Introducing 'a most excellent Catholic young gentleman from Melbourne - Mr. Jaguers'. 1p

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68	27 February 1890	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Regarding Banker's Order sent in January regarding McGivney Burse, of which writer has received no acknowledgement. Leaves for Rome immediately after Low Sunday. Speaks of 'magnificent Encyclical'. Asks for renewal of faculties to bless beads for Fr. James O'Reilly of Newtownforbes. Would like gift from Pope and blessing on bazaar at Carrick on Shannon. 4pp
69	28 February 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. T. Curtuible, Abbeyfeale, to Kirby: Paintings sent for their Convent of Mercy arrived safely. Rev. Mother asked him to write and thank Kirby for them and for the trouble he took - also wishes to know the cost. Nuns are well pleased with them but regret that the 2 small ones were not a little larger. More than half the people in the parish went down with influenza - writer hopes that Kirby escaped it. 4pp
70	28 February 1890	Holograph letter from [F. Cioei], [], to Kirby: Explaining the words 'per circulum' with reference to the consecration of Altars and Altar Stones. [Italian] 1p
71	28 February 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Joseph Flood, P.P., Kingscourt, to Kirby: Under separate cover writer sends copy of a provincial paper reporting trial held in Four Courts, Dublin, with Judge's charge to jury, in which writer was plaintiff and defendant, a libeller and a Protestant man. Gives details of case, which he won. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting reading 'divide damages with the Pope'. 4pp
72	'February 1890'	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Columba Marmion, Dunmore East, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for obtaining great privilege for Sisters of Mercy. News of her brother - the first ordained by Kirby. 4pp

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73	1 March 1890	Holograph letter from Sister M. Agnes Vickers, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter - sends 2nd half of notes being Mass offerings. Sorry to hear of death of Cardinal Pecci. 4pp
74	'Feast of the Prodigies of Our Lady' March 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. John Evangelist, Killarney, to Kirby: Requests renewal of privileges. Regarding question of 'an indulgence for praying before a memorial erected to memory of late Bishop Andrew Higgins, erected 'on 5th February last', who died on 1 May 1889. Reminds Kirby that he promised to do what he could in the matter. 6pp
75	3 March 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph, Loughrea [Mt. Carmel], to Kirby: Writer returns draft, duly corrected, with apologies that Kirby had the trouble of sending it back. Glad to hear that he, as they, escaped the influenza. 1p
76	3 March 1890	Holograph letter from +I. Sweeney, N. Brunswick, to Kirby: Regarding appointment of V. Rev. Thomas Connelly as Vicar General. Sends fee of £500 to Kirby, as writer does not know proper address. It has been suggested that a higher honour should be given to Fr. Connelly in view of his age. Writer knows little of such things, but mentions it as it was mentioned to him. 4pp
77	4 March 1890	Holograph letter from Suor M. Elena Bettiri, Rome, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby very much on behalf of M. Matilde for the 10 lira. Asks a share in his prayers and Masses. [Italian] 1p

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78	4 March 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Imelda, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, to Kirby: While Mrs. O'Connor has bought and furnished a house in London, she is following their advice and not living there at present. Asks Kirby to say a Mass. Wishes to get back to Elphin 'to finish off her law affairs'. Writer encloses pound. Fearing Kirby did not receive her last letter she repeats her request regarding special indulgence for Sisters of Bon Secours in Dublin and Belfast. Gives details. Personal and convent news. Mentions Kirby's dead sister. 6pp
79	4 March 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Writer has time only for note of thanks for letter and Pictures. Thanks Our Blessed Lady for Kirby's restoration to health. 1p
80	5 March 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. J. Cummins, Newcestown, to Kirby: Writer asks for renewal of faculties. Writes on back of circular giving details of progress in his parish, together with Balance Sheet for May 1872-June 1888, which he brings up to date for Kirby's information. 3pp
81	8 March 1890	Holograph letter from M. Benedetta Isonni, [], to Kirby: The young Children of Mary are going into retreat for some days, and the writer therefore asks Kirby to send a priest to celebrate Mass on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of March at 8 o'clock. On the day following, the 19th, they will need two priests to assist the Cardinal. [Italian] 1p
82	9 March 1890	Holograph letter from +John Coffey, Killarney, to Kirby: Writer has had news of Remonstrance from Mr. Lombard and has written to nuns at Castletown Bere, telling them of Kirby's kindness. Encyclical on 'Duties of Christians' is 'a most able production' and he feels it will do great good. Influenza heavy on his people, who are taking advantage of Pope's kind indulgence. 3pp

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83	10 March 1890	Holograph letter from ['Indegra figlia'], [], to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 2pp
84	10 March 1890	Holograph letter from M.F. Howley, Bay St. George, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for his letter regarding writer's book which was presented to the Pope. His letter will be useful since, should the book ever appear in a second edition, the fact that a copy had been accepted by the Pope would be a good advertisement. 2pp.
85	11 March 1890	Holograph letter from The Rev. T. Curtin, Abbeyfeale, to Kirby: Thanks for letter. Nuns very pleased with paintings and also with the moderate cost. Encloses cheque for three pounds, and hopes it will not be too much trouble for Kirby to drop him a line to say it arrived. Dr. Downes P.P., Kilmallock was buried the previous Saturday, nearly 60 years a priest, and built the finest church in the diocese. Fr. Mortell, C.C., Limerick, was dangerously ill but is improving. 4pp
86	11 March 1890	Holograph letter from General Sir Lintorn Simmons, Rome, to Kirby: Formal acceptance of invitation to dinner on 17 March. Also informs Kirby that Dr. Carborn is not in Rome, having returned to Malta in February. 2pp
87	12 March 1890	Holograph letter from Sister M. Malachy Duffy, Dundalk, to Kirby: Letter, pictures and Agnus Deis safely to hand, although many weeks after the death of Fr. Grew, to whom Kirby entrusted them. Sends shamrock. 3pp
88	12 March 1890	Holograph letter from [Jampne], Rome, to Kirby: Writer begs Kirby to spare a moment to go to the Convent of the Compassion on the morrow. [French] 1p

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89	12 March 1890	Holograph letter from +John McCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for permission to keep the Blessed Sacrament in his house and in the oratory of the Presentation Brothers - the conditions will be faithfully observed in both cases. His only surviving sister, Mother Mary Paul has just died, he asks prayers for her. Has had Encyclical read in all the churches of his diocese during Lent. Sir John Pope Hennessy, late Governor of Mauritius, has come to live in the neighbourhood and has presented petition to the Holy See for permission to keep the Blessed Sacrament in his oratory - Bishop recommends petition, in view of character of supplicant and services rendered to Catholic religion by him. 4pp
90	12 March 1890	Holograph letter from +James Murray, Hobart, to Kirby: Letter of thanks to Kirby and Dr. Hassan for their kindness to the writer during his stay in Rome. Gives some details of passage so far. Hopes to reach Maitland about 25th March. 3pp
91	13 March 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes Drinkwater, Rome, to Kirby: Since writer has been suffering from gastric fever for the past 4 weeks and cannot leave the house, would it be asking too much to ask Kirby to visit her, as it 'would be the greatest consolation' to her to see him. 2pp
92	13 March 1890	Holograph letter from Sister M. Evangelist, Killarney, to Kirby: Letter of thanks and greetings. Asks for Mass [see KIR/1890/74] 'about 1st May' for late Bishop Andrew Higgins. 4pp
93	13 March 1890	Holograph letter from Cardinal Manning, London, S.W.1, to Kirby: Asking Kirby to 'show kindness to the bearer of this letter' visiting Rome with two friends. 2pp
94	14 March 1890	Holograph letter from Michael Patterson, Rome, to Kirby: Accepting invitation to dine. 1p

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95	14 March 1890	Holograph letter from E. Nimmo, Stroud, to Kirby: Introducing a Miss Steele, who is visiting Rome. Personal and family news. 2pp
96	16 March 1890	Holograph letter from +John Coffey, Killarney, to Kirby: Introducing Miss Frances Donovan of Tralee, who is visiting Rome. 2pp
97	17 March 1890	Holograph letter from Margaret Kavanagh, Bray, to Kirby: Sends shamrock. Sends also reports of her work. Mentions her 'confessor in the past', Canon Rope. 3pp
98	18 March 1890	Holograph letter from General Sir Lintorn Simmons, Rome, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for sketch of St. Patrick's mission to Ireland sent him by Kirby. Was 'greatly gratified' by Kirby's words and by the reception writer received from all when he dined at the College. 3pp
99	18 March 1890	Holograph letter from Patrick Kelly, Carlow College, to Kirby: Having arrived home safely, the writer goes on retreat 'this evening', to be ordained by Dr. Comerford on Sunday. Has wired Kirby for 'Testimonial Letters', and regrets not having asked for them sooner. Asks Kirby and other priests at College to remember him in Mass during the coming days - asks his prayers and those of the students. 3pp
100	20 March 1890	Holograph letter from Archpriest Luigi Luzi, Lugano in Teverina, to Kirby: Illness prevented the writer from going in person to thank Kirby for Mass intentions. Happy Easter. [Italian] 1p
101	20 March 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. L. Kiernan, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses five pounds for 'some priest' to say 100 Masses for her intentions. 2pp

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102	21 March 1890	Holograph letter from Candida Colomba Falcucci, Perugia, to Kirby: Letter begging help, and giving details of troubles of the Community. [Italian] 3pp
103	21 March 1890	Holograph letter from + J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for sending Mr. Kelly, now in retreat prior to his ordination on Passion Sunday. Sends petition which is urgent, and gives reasons. Ireland in much confusion between coercion, strikes and threatened dissolution of Parliament. Next week a joint Pastoral from the Bishops of Leinster Province will be published on the temperance question - thinks Kirby will like it. 4pp
104	23 March 1890	Holograph letter from Frances Mary P. Donovan, Rome, to Kirby: Writer reminds Kirby of his promise to try and get her into the Pope's private Mass, and encloses letter from Dr. Coffey, her Bishop - explains why she is so anxious for the privilege. 4pp

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105	24 March 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Rome, to Kirby: Writer has sent Kirby a copy of the Pastoral on Temperance - a good deal concerning it and the temperance movement in current 'Freeman'. Read all about the General's visit to the Irish College in 'Moniteur de Rome'. Supposes 'it is useful to keep up a certain show of not regarding all this diplomatic business as disastrous. But disastrous it certainly is, as we see the condition to which the Church is reduced in countries where that system is maintained, as compared with what we see here, and in England, and in America'. Goes on to say. 'There is no truth in the statement in the postscript to Y.G.'s letter. 'All' statements made by that person are to be received only with 'the very greatest caution.'" Writer has to keep to his post, working day and night, since through Dr. Donnelly's absence for the year, and the prolonged illness of the 2 other V.G.s he cannot keep arrears from accumulating. Describes scene at closing of mission in Marlborough Street, where excitement 'had spread through the church like a wave in about 2 minutes'. Calm came when hymn to Our Lady was sung in which all could join. Church so packed, even the passages, that a hasty attempt to leave might have killed hundreds. After it all, 2 little girls were found at the back of the Bishop's throne, calmly eating bread and butter. 4pp
106	26 March 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, 'to Mrs. Sheehy': If she hands the letter to Kirby, explaining that she is a connection of the writer's, Kirby will obtain the Audience for her. 3pp
107	27 March 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Joseph Flood, P.P., Kingscourt, to Kirby: Writer regrets long delay in replying - explains why - his solicitor is now trying to make the libeller bankrupt. Fr. Flood is leaving all in his hands, by advice. [see KIR/1890/71] 3pp
108	27 March 1890	Holograph letter from Elena A. di S. Geltrude, Arezzo, to Kirby: Personal letter telling of troubles and illness. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting saying that he sent her 25 lira [Italian] 1p

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109	27 March 1890	Holograph letter from +Michael Logue, Armagh, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for pictures of St. Patrick. Does not think he need fear course he has taken over the English Envoy. Irish people know him and his devotion to Irish interests too well to misconstrue matters. His action was 'perfectly right and Christian'. It would have been a reproach to Irish hospitality had he acted otherwise. Writer has seen accounts of the celebrations at the Irish College and all reports, including Nationalist, spoke in the most complimentary terms. Hopes days of suspicion are gone. People now 'pretty generally convinced that every attempt made at Rome hostile to the interests of the country has been detected and discounted. Hence there is not the same sensitiveness or fear of misrepresentation that existed some time ago'. 4pp
110	28 March 1890	Holograph letter from B. Teeling, Hautes Pyrenees, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to return the photograph he sent him some two months before, thinking it might give him pleasure to see it. [see KIR/1890/40] 1p
111	28 March 1890	Holograph letter from +John McEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for prints of St. Patrick, and also for dispensation. Very glad of Kirby's 'prudent and at the same time spirited action' regarding the Queen's Envoy. Necessary to honour him - due to the Holy See, indeed - but in his speech Kirby showed 'also on principle how far loyalty was due by us'. Kirby was most felicitous and 'every friend of Ireland and Rome must rejoice at it'. Gives news of temperance movement. His brother, P.P. of Dunnon, has been dangerously ill. 3pp
112	29 March 1890	Holograph letter from M.A. Kirwan, Drumcondra, to Kirby: Personal. Unhappy at not hearing from Kirby. Hopes he is not vexed because she did not return pound he lent her - explains. 4pp

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113	30 March 1890	Holograph letter from Suor M. Candida, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. Easter greetings on behalf of Mother General. Asks Kirby in charity to call there on Wednesday to prepare her for Holy Thursday. [Italian] 3pp
114	31 March 1890	Holograph letter from M. Clotilde Sentinelli, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter - greetings for Easter. [Italian] 1p
115	1 April 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Higgins, Sydney, to Kirby: Regarding case of James Hanley, of which writer gives some details. Children of Mary. Diocesan news. Correspondence between Cardinal [Moran] and the Protestant Bishop of Bathurst regarding connection the Holy See and the Early British Church. 4pp
116	1 April 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. M. Kelly, [House of Missions], Enniscorthy to Kirby: Writer wishes to express his joy at Kirby's St. Patrick's Day speech. His last letter was not answered although in it he asked for paternal advice on a point of importance to himself. However, the question has now been settled for him. News of community - own health - wishes Kirby to assure Pope that he loses no opportunity to increase the love and devotion of his congregation for the papacy and gives details. Asks Kirby to obtain papal blessing for his Mother, who is 75, has been 'a most exemplary parent', and of whom he is the only surviving child. 4pp
117	1 April 1890	Holograph letter from Sister M. Assisi Taylor, Castletown Bere, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for 'precious gift', explaining delay in writing. All delighted with it. Convent news. 4pp

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118	1 April 1890	Holograph letter from +John McCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for dispensation at request of Canon Kilder of Youghal, who is engaged in painful struggle in defence of his poor people who are being evicted by syndicate of land-lords because they cannot pay 'an impossible rent'. Bishops of Ireland are about to launch a simultaneous national movement for suppression of intemperance. 2pp
119	2 April 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Chiara Giuseppa Martinetti, Rome, to Kirby: Personal matters - Easter greetings - [Italian] 2pp
120	2 April 1890	Holograph letter from M. Agnese Burattini, 'S. Cosimato', to Kirby: Personal letter - Easter greetings - personal sorrow. [Italian] 1p
121	3 April 1890	Holograph letter from +T.J. McRedmond, Ashline, Ennis, to Kirby: Encloses application for dispensation. Greetings. 2pp
122	3 April 1890	Holograph letter from M. Agnese del SS Sacramento, [Rome], to Kirby: Greetings for Easter - community news. [Italian] 1p
123	4 April 1890	Holograph letter from Kate Moriarty, '141 E.75th St.', to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letters and pictures. Letters have proved 'a source of unutterable comfort to our stricken hearts'. Thanks also for Masses said for repose of brother's soul. Encloses memorial card which she hopes Kirby will place in his breviary. 3pp
124	4 April 1890	Holograph letter from Antonia Bartoletti, Rome, to Kirby: Easter greetings from all. [Italian] 1p
125	5 April 1890	Holograph letter from M. Margherita Tarenghi, Mantellate, to Kirby: Blessings and greetings for Easter. [Italian] 2pp

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126	6 April 1890	Holograph letter from M. Salcini, Rome, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for the gift of 5 lira, which he received through the porter. Writes of his necessities. [Italian] 1p
127	6 April 1890	Holograph letter from Augusto Linibaldi, Rome, to Kirby: Easter greetings. [Italian] 1p
128	7 April 1890	Holograph letter from +Joseph P. Byrne, Bathurst, to Kirby: Encloses Peter's Pence £150. Diocesan news. 4pp

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129	8 April 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas Nulty, Mullingar, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for many letters. Glad that Kirby will be sending him 2 priests, needed very much. Mortality among his priests 'for the last 2 years was simply awful'. Scarcely 4 months before he appointed 7 parish priests, yet since then he has had 3 vacant parishes to which he must appoint parish priests the coming week. Before appointing parish priests writer always calls a meeting of his Vicars when - strictly privately - they discuss qualities and fitness of each priest for parish vacant. Gives detailed diocesan news, death of ex-student of St. Agatha's, Fr. Thomas Allen. Writes of 'terrible evictions' - in Meath County 95,000 were evicted between 1843 and 1866. When Bishop protested he was denounced as a public disturber. Further news regarding landlords. Very glad Kirby made the 'wise and judicious observations' on occasion of dinner to which the Queen's representative to the Holy See was invited. Kirby could not do less than invite him. Writer is himself on friendliest terms with some of the present Cabinet, and firmly believes that they deprecate present action in Ireland but are powerless to prevent it. More news of state of Ireland and land given over to cattle which will soon have to be handed back to farmers to cultivate since 'cattle will pay no longer'. Writer is in fairly good health - now nearly 26 years a bishop, which seems to be long enough for any man. Hopes to visit 'the Holy City' once more before he dies. Asks Kirby to say 'one or two Masses' that he may gain the grace of a happy death. 'It can't be very far away.' In a postscript asks Kirby to make a memento of his only sister in Ireland whose death 'has just been announced by telegram'. Encloses letter of credit. 4pp
130	8 April 1890	Holograph letter from [Suora] Elena Ambrazetti di S. Geltrude, [Arezzo], to Kirby: Personal letter - thanks Kirby for his charity of 25 lira - speaks of her poor Community. [Italian] 1p
131	8 April 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to forward enclosed petition. 1p

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132	8 April 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. William Maher, Killiegh, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for obtaining special faculties for him. 1p
133	9 April 1890	Holograph letter from John O'Hagan, Rome, to Kirby: Bad weather alone kept the writer from calling at the College, as he wished to pay his respects and to thank Kirby for his kindness and hospitality. His wife also thanks him for the present he sent her. 3pp
134	9 April 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. William Callaghan, Tralee, to Kirby: Writer asks Pope's blessing and a prize for their bazaar which is to help raise funds for very necessary repairs and decorations and clearance of debt in connection with St. John's Church. He is an ex-student of the Irish College. 4pp
134 a	9 April 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Clare, New Zealand, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his kind letter 'accompanied by the letters of affiliation to the Arch-confraternity of the Children of Mary', saying that he 'has established a lasting claim to the gratitude of St. Columbkille's Community ...' Encloses 'letter of authorization from her Bishop. Diocesan news. 6pp
135	10 April 1890	Holograph letter from +Hugh Conway, Ballina, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £200 for Peter's Pence and ten pounds for Kirby. Asks for renewal of powers of Formula VI which expire on 24 May. 2pp
136	10 April 1890	Holograph letter from Maria Moghazzi, [...], to Kirby: Invitation to Kirby to the First Communion to be held on the 26th April at 8.30 a.m., and afterwards to give Benediction. [Italian] 2pp

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137	11 April 1890	Holograph letter from W.M. McFeely, Coleraine, to Kirby: Encloses offering for 26 Masses. Glad Bishop ordered encyclical to be read in every church of his diocese. Regrets that not even in the cathedral are 'the functions of Holy Week ... fully carried out'. In only 2 or 3 churches do the priests make an effort to perform the Sacred Ceremonies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week'. Every parish observes 'a curtailed and mutilated ritual' on Good Friday, but Holy Saturday is hardly recognized. He hopes Propaganda will make enquiries and insist on having Church discipline and law enforced. 3pp
138	12 April 1890	Holograph letter from William Jevers, Florence, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his kindness in obtaining an audience for the whole of their party, all of whom were greatly edified by it, even the many who were Protestants. He encloses five pounds for a Mass, preferably at the tomb of the Apostles and gives intentions. 3pp
139	12 April 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Woodside, Presbyterian, and other Protestants. 3pp
140	13 April 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Patrick Lyons, P.P., Castlebar, to Kirby: Writer hopes to raise £1,400, the estimated cost for a monastery for the Brothers of the Christian Schools, who are now staffing a school which he built, at a cost of £1,600, in 1887. The only means he has of raising such a sum is by private subscription and the holding of a bazaar. He would be grateful, therefore, if Kirby could obtain a prize from the Pope for the latter. 4pp
141	13 April 1890	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Encloses three pounds for 24 Masses for Bridget McBride, deceased. 1p

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142	14 April 1890	Holograph letter from Fr. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses £50.0.3, quarter's dividend on £7,461.13.0 Government Stock. Declares that Kirby's St. Patrick's Day speech was read 'with the greatest pleasure' there. He hopes Sir Idntorn Simmons was satisfied. 3pp
143	14 April 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer feels it is right for him to put Kirby on his guard against a former student of the Irish College, Dr. J. McDevitt, a Raphoe priest, who 'is likely to turn up in Rome one of these days'. He has been for some time a professor at All Hallows College - writer then proceeds to describe some of the happenings at the College. So bad have things become that the writer got in touch with Propaganda, but has received no reply. 'It is really too bad', continues the letter, that in such a case we can neither act ourselves nor get Rome to act. Dr. McDevitt 'has now gone off to Rome with an air of great bravado'. 8pp
144	14 April 1890	Fragment handwritten letter from [+J. Lynch], Tullow, to Kirby: Regarding an enquiry writer has had to make regarding a student of the College at Carlow, Charles McEntee, who proved totally unfitted for the priesthood, but who went to Scotland and persuaded Dr. Smith, Archbishop of Edinburgh, to ordain him without the usual documents. Only genuine document he had was a letter of character given him by Fr. Burke, President of the College, a year previously when his unworthiness had not been discovered. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Clogher, whose subject Charles McEntee is, was induced to send his exeat after ordination. 4pp
145	16 April 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, [...], to Kirby: Encloses petition to be forwarded. Mentions previous letter in which he introduced a Presbyterian, Mr. Woodside, and other Protestants. 3pp

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146	16 April 1890	Holograph letter from +P. Moran, Dunedin, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £22.0.0 in payment of vestments made by Roman nuns. Regarding Peter's Pence. Mgr. Coleman died on 14 January last. News from diocese and convent, where Kirby's niece is Novice Mistress. Encloses also 25 lira which he found among Mgr. Coleman's papers, and asks Kirby to get Masses said for 'his dear soul'. 4pp
147	17 April 1890	Holograph letter from Charles Ormsby Blake, Naples, to Kirby: Coming on brief visit to Rome, writer wishes Kirby to put his name down 'for the first reception held by his holiness' - encloses printed details of his pedigree, to which he adds a few more, asking Kirby to return the enclosed details when they meet. Enclosures still with letter. 5 items.
148	18 April 1890	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses two pounds for 32 Masses, as indicated, saying that he is still 'in the greatest troubles and sickness.' 4pp
149	19 April 1890	Holograph letter from +F.J. Power, St. John's, Newfoundland, to Kirby: Writer congratulates Kirby on his 'noble words' on St. Patrick's Day. At dinner the evening before, this speech has been mentioned, as also one he made in 1826 in Co. Waterford, and it was said that Providence had preserved for the best interests of Ireland 'a Venerable and Patriotic Prelate, for nearly 90 years'. Cardinal Moran's work has been crowned with magnificent success in Sydney. Writer asks for renewal of faculties in F.II given to missionaries. Has heard Mgr. Jacobini is ailing. 4pp
150	19 April 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Evangelist, Killarney, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to say Mass for the soul of Bishop Andrew Higgins on or before 1 May, his anniversary. 4pp

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151	20 April 1890	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Belley, to Kirby: En route for Rome for 'ad limina' visit, is seeing the Mother General of the Marist nuns. Has with him a young priest, Fr. John Pinkman, and would be grateful if a room in Rome could be found for him where English is spoken, unless Kirby adds to his kindness by having him at the College. 3pp
152	20 April 1890	Holograph letter from Fr. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Kirby's niece, Maggie. Apologizes for 'scribble' owing to very poor sight. 4pp
153	21 April 1890	Holograph letter from Ellen Mary Corry, Venice, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Audience. 2pp
154	24 April 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Sweeny, N. Brunswick, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for draft returned - explains his own ignorance on the matter, which was why he 'took the liberty of troubling' Kirby. 2pp
155	24 April 1890	Holograph letter from W. McFeely, Buncrana, to Kirby: Calls attention to change of address, through promotion. Mentions his brother, 'a medical doctor and Coroner in Killybegs', who is anxious to marry a non-Catholic - gives details - understands that his brother's bishop, O'Donnell of Raphoe, is not opposed to the marriage and, therefore, asks Kirby's help. Encloses offering for 28 Masses. 4pp
156	25 April 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Joseph Flood, P.P., Kingscourt, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for 'prized and sublime favour' accorded him by Pope. 1p

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157	25 April 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas J. Power, to 'Rev. V.F.J. Reardon, P.P., Burin, St. John's, Newfoundland: Letter written to priest who, through illness, has to go abroad in order to recuperate. Bishop speaks highly of him and tells him he can show the letter to any of the Bishop's friends in 'the new world, or in the British Isles, or the Eternal City. And in advance I thank cordially all those who in any way promote your happiness.' 3pp
158	26 April 1890	Holograph letter from +Hugh Conway of Killala, Ballina, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter - explains why Peter's Pence so poor - asks for powers 'such as those mentioned in the accompanying document'. 3pp
159	27 April 1890	Holograph letter from Fr. Stephen Egan, Kingstown, to Kirby: A personal letter from an ex-student on, apparently, his first appointment - giving news of parish, orphanage where he is Chaplain and diocese. 3pp
160	29 April 1890	Holograph letter from +F.J. MacCormack, Galway, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £200 for Pope, Peter's Pence for diocese. Writer wishes to have Rome's sanction to postpone appointments to parishes in charge of Administrators, namely Rosmuck, Shrute and Carron. Asks for privilege of bination in case of Mrs. Blake, who is unable through poor health always to get to church and who wishes to have mass celebrated in her house. 2pp
161	29 April 1890	Holograph letter from M.M. Bee, [], to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 2pp
162	29 April 1890	Handwritten letter from Mgr. M.A. Corrigan, [Rome], to Kirby: Formal, third person, invitation to dine at the American College on 4 May. 2pp

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163	30 April 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Andrew Lowry, C.C., Rostrevor, to Kirby: Encloses five pounds for Masses for 'our dear good saintly priest Fr. O'Neill' of whose death he recently notified Kirby by telegram. His executors have asked Fr. Lowry to say that Fr. O'Neill left one hundred pounds for Masses to Kirby - he encloses the first five pounds and the rest will be sent in due course. Gives account of Fr. O'Neill's death. 4pp
164	30 April 1890	Holograph letter from Anne M. Daly, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, to Kirby: Introducing her daughter and son-in-law, who also bring letter of introduction from Bishop Gillow, asks for Audience for them - gives family news. 4pp
165	'April 1890'	Holograph letter from Sr. M.B. Barry, Dublin, to Kirby: Explains necessity for the erection of a separate wing in the Mater Misericordia Hospital for fever patients, and to release rooms for priests. Archbishop has approved the undertaking and writer now asks Kirby for 'a donation or gift' for the bazaar which is being held for the purpose of raising money. 2pp
166	1 May 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas Nulty, Ballymore, to Kirby: Regarding a student at the College, Mr. Keane, whose Mother says has fever and who should go to seaside for part of vacation - if Kirby agrees, writer will give the necessary permission. He points out, however, that students' ideas on their own health and the remedies are not always reliable. 2pp
167	1 May 1890	Holograph letter from +Edward McGennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges faculties for Fr. Pakenham. Regarding Pope's health and work. 'Ireland is very quiet'. Gives details of state of the country and how the Purchase Bill recently introduced into Parliament is likely to work. Glad to hear his student, Mr. Brady, is doing well. 4pp

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168	1 May 1890	Holograph letter from [last page missing], Kilworth, to Kirby: Regarding a sister of the writer's, Mother Mary Joseph Horgan of the Presentation Order, who wishes to obtain 'dispensation from the law of enclosure for herself and for any other professed nuns...' accompanying her to establish a branch of the Order in Perth, Western Australia, on the invitation of Bishop Gibney. 4pp
169	3 May 1890	Holograph letter from Mrs. Margaret O'Kavanagh, 'On board the Royal Mail, SS. Orizata, near Naples', to Kirby: Writer sends photographs which she would like presented to the Pope. Wants help and blessing on her work in Australia to spread total abstinence and vegetarianism. 4pp
170	3 May 1890	Holograph letter from +Daniel Murphy, Launcerton, Tasmania, to Kirby: Acknowledges letter containing privilege granted by Pope regarding keeping the Blessed Sacrament in convents. Diocesan news. 4pp
171	5 May 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to tell Cardinal Simeoni that, regarding the letter he has sent, he now has further information. Dr. McDevitt is sending home 'false reports to his colleagues in revolt'. The President's orders are defied. The students boast that Dr. McDevitt has triumphed, and that the Archbishop is censured, and that their cause has the approval of the Holy See. Writer begs Kirby to do something about this. To have prompt action taken, action that 'will leave no room for misrepresentation'. However, the Archbishop continues, 'I cannot conceal from myself that a letter which I received from Cardinal Simeoni on Saturday night seems to me to fit in, to some extent, with this extraordinary statement of the "rivoltosi". The President stays from day to day, only at the Archbishop's earnest request. 4pp
172	6 May 1890	Holograph letter from +Edward Bishop of Nottingham, Rome, to Kirby: Writer accepts Kirby's invitation for self and his 2 priests for Sunday next. 1p

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173	8 May 1890	Holograph letter from [Zelinda del Gressa], Arezzo, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 4pp
174	9 May 1890	Holograph letter from Ellen Mary Corry, Killree, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for the trouble Kirby is taking 'for two Australians so far away from home'. Will contact him as soon as they arrive in Rome. 2pp
175	9 May 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Gratitude of writer and Brigidine nuns for 'magnificent gift' from Pope for the bazaar - asks Kirby to express their thanks to the Pope. Encloses petition for Cardinal Simeoni. 4pp
176	10 May 1890	Holograph letter from D. A. O'Sullivan, Toronto, to Kirby: Writer wishes to present copy of some essays of his on the Church in Canada to the Pope - if anything special needs to be done to them, will Kirby please have it done and writer will repay him. He sends the copy bound as well as he could get done there. Bishop O'Mahony is writing to Kirby: 1p
177	12 May 1890	Holograph letter from Léopoldine de Robiano, Rome, to Kirby: Asks Kirby to give Benediction in their church on the Feast of Corpus Christi, reparation for all the outrages that Our Lord has received in the Blessed Sacrament. Would like also some priests from the Irish College to make the occasion more solemn. [French] 1p
178	14 May 1890	Holograph letter from Filippo Can. De Angelis, Parr. Del Duomo, Tivoli, to Kirby: On the occasion of the First Holy Communion of the boys and girls of his parish, writer would like to get some objects of devotion from Antonio Scifoni. His finances being at the moment restricted, however, he asks Kirby's help. 1p
179	14 May 1890	Holograph letter from Suor M. Agostina Cella, Monastero di S. Caterina da Siena, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 1p

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180	15 May 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Clotilda Sentinelli, Rome, to Kirby: Financial troubles. [Italian] 2pp
181	18 May 1890	Holograph letter from Lillu Vicconti, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding privileges and giving news of mutual friends. 5pp
182	19 May 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph, Loughrea, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for Kirby's kindness for oil painting of the Sacred Heart which he sent. Enclosing notice of unveiling of the statue of the Infant of Prague in the convent church, St. Joseph's. 2 items
183	20 May 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Elizabeth Martin, Youghal, to Kirby: Details of sorry state of chapel in Midleton workhouse - thurible and remonstrance particularly shabby. Seeks aid from Kirby. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting stating that on 11 June he sent remonstrance and thurible. 3pp
184	21 May 1890	Holograph letter from M. Agnes del SS., [...], to Kirby: Asks help of Kirby in case of orphaned girl who wishes to give herself to God but who is desperately poor. [Italian] 2pp
185	21 May 1890	Holograph letter from +A. Brownrigg, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Thanks for letter and documents from Propaganda. Very pleased as they are for 3 'worthy priests of Ossory' whom Bishop desired to have 'some little honour conferred on by the Holy See'. Regarding Pope's health - suppression of intemperance in Ireland. 4pp
186	22 May 1890	Holograph letter from M. Angelina Aureli, [...], to Kirby: Writer reminds Kirby of his charity in past years for their feast which, this year, will be 15 June. She prays that Our Blessed Lord will recompense Kirby for his goodness to them. 1p

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187	22 May 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas Nulty, Navan, to Kirby: Writer hopes to make his 'ad limina' visit in August or September. Has settled all affairs of diocese, but has allowed his 'extraordinary powers' to lapse 'on this very day', feeling they would not be needed before he left for Rome, as they have been needed so seldom during the past five years. However, it so happens that he has now received several applications, some of which are 'very urgent'. Asks Kirby to persuade Cardinal Simeoni to extend writer's faculties which have just lapsed. Mentions long letter sent Kirby some time back - in replying to present one, would Kirby please say if he received the other, as writer fears it may have miscarried. Beautiful month of May, people attending May devotions in great numbers. Good harvest seems certain. 4pp
188	23 May 1890	Holograph letter from +T. O'Mahony, Toronto, to Kirby: Nearly 3 years of serious illness have prevented the writer from getting in touch. Gives local news of growing Church. 'poor Rome, poor Italy and poor Ireland', though the future for Ireland is brighter. Mentions good influence Pope has 'all over the world'. In postscript mentions the 'rising young lawyer' who deserves encouragement as he 'is very loyal to the Church', and who wishes his essays presented to the Pope. [see KIR/1890/176]. 2pp
189	23 May 1890	Holograph letter from Alice Mary Mullen, Brisbane, to Kirby: Introducing friends visiting Rome, Mr. and Miss Mayne, and recalling herself to Kirby's mind. 3pp
190	22 May 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. P.M. Kelly, Naas, to Kirby: Personal letter - writer, a former student, 'has not taken to' his new duties, but will make no change without consulting Kirby. 4pp

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191	25 May 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Writer encloses draft for twenty pounds 'in recognition of many services and many kindnesses ...' Sent draft for nine hundred pounds to Cardinal Simeoni for Peter's Pence, on 28th February, but has received no acknowledgement and is now very anxious. Received letter from Cardinal Simeoni but no mention of the money. Also sent draft for twenty pounds to Monsignor Jacobini on 18th November 1889 and has had no acknowledgement. Regarding Jubilee gifts for Melbourne and collection for Irish church in Rome. 2pp
192	27 May 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Agostina Cella, 'Mrc. Da S. Caterina' [da Siena]. Writer does not know how to thank Kirby and the Bishop of Ardagh for their goodness - her Mother, St. Catherine, will recompense them. [Italian] 2pp
193	28 May 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Mooney, Cahir, to Kirby: Since his two serious and almost fatal attacks of illness, the writer is now putting his house in order finally - has arranged with the sculptor for his own gift of a marble altar to Our Lady in his church - settled all other matters by a short Will in which he leaves everything to his Bishop - asks for Plenary Indulgence 'in articulo mortis' with small Madonna which he can wear round his neck with said Indulgence attached, 'with all faculties for a general confession' which he intends to make the following month at 'the Melleray Monastery of Mount St. Joseph and Roscrea' to which he is bequeathing his books - a valuable and costly collection which should make a good foundation 'for a decent library'. Asks Kirby to offer a Mass in honour of Our Lady that she may not forget the writer. 3pp
194	29 May 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Mooney, Cahir, to Kirby: Writer apologizes for troubling Kirby again but omitted to say in yesterday's letter that he wants to make a petition to substitute the Rosary for the Divine Office, as he has had to do for nearly 12 months. Should he be able to resume the saying of the Office at any time, of course he will do so. 2pp

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195	30 May 1890	Holograph letter from Canon Sabela, Paris, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for kindness - regarding Mrs. Murphy's accident, she is well again, or so his brother tells him, and she does not wish anyone at all to be told about it - the writer therefore begs Kirby to keep it 'in strict confidence'. 3pp
196	31 May 1890	Holograph letter from Ada [...], Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter - writer thanks Kirby for the cake - delighted to have made his acquaintance - when she and her husband return to Rome hope to see him often - Villa Ada always at his disposal - thanks him also for historical sketch of persecution of Catholics in Ireland. 4pp
197	1 June 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. C.J.B. Fernando, V.G., Kandy, Ceylon, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Vanderstraaten, visiting Rome. 2pp
198	3 June 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses petition, asking for reply as soon as possible. Has Kirby received information from Congregation of Rites regarding simultaneous consecration of portable altars, about which the Bishop wrote the year before. Good news of Fr. John Bourke who 'is holding out very well'. 2pp
199	4 June 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Regarding Presentation convent in Kilcock, left by former Bishop entirely to take care of the V.G., Dr. Geoghan, a 'man of great piety and simplicity', but who had no experience in the management of the convents. He was everything in the convent, 'Superior Confessor' etc. Consequently, great confusion arose. The writer and Bishop Comerford went to the convent on a visitation and have agreed that there is no nun there to whom they could safely commit the care of the convent, hence writer seeks permission to appoint a nun from one of the other Presentation convents as Superior of the Kilcock convent 'until such time as order and peace shall have been firmly established'. Thanks Kirby for dispensation received. 4pp

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200	5 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Andrew Horan, Ipswich, Australia, to Kirby: Acknowledges letter of 16 January containing faculties for a certain case. Now encloses explanation required by Sacred Penitentiary. Archbishop Dunne now on way to Rome. 1p
201	7 June 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Regarding case of Fr. L. Carlow, to whom the writer 'was obliged to give an Administrator ... leaving him the title of parochus and promising a due provision for his support'. Having lost the appeal he made to the Archbishop, Fr. Carlos has now asked permission to go to Rome to put his case before Propaganda in person. Details as to priest's life, and his own actions. 4pp
202	8 June 1890	Holograph letter from Alice Mary Murphy, Clifton, Cork, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for obtaining privilege for her of having the Blessed Sacrament in her oratory - gives details of plans - and now asks for privileged altar, giving reasons. 4pp
203	8 June 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Regarding case of Fr. Carlos, writer now sends copy of Archbishop McEvilly's judgement and hopes that Propaganda will decide on the appeal from the Archbishop's report and such further written statements as they may wish to have from the writer and from the appellant. Gives further details of case. Difficult to get witnesses to confront Fr. Carlos, as 'he was of such a peevish resentful character' - could not even rely on his curate, because he was afraid of exciting Fr. Carlos's jealousy and resentment. 3pp
204	9 June 1890	Holograph letter from Hugh McGrath, Nurnberg, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for obtaining cameo and papal blessing for bazaar - intends writing long letter later, giving details of their journey. 1p

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205	9 June 1890	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation, represented by Canon McNamara as deserving case. Very pleased with result of former appeal for permission to divide parish vacant through Dean Neville's death, giving details. Difficulties arise on question of Canon Law. Asks Holy See 'for dispensation in order to prevent useless quarrels'. Case of which parishes in Ireland are benefices. 4pp
206	9 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John Robinson, Sydney, to Kirby: News of life in Australia. 'I had no idea that people could forget their God so quickly as some of the Irish here, both men and women ... We have on an average 400 for Communion every week, but the men are a great drawback. They don't come to their duty as they should.' Gives great praise to Cardinal Moran and the extraordinary work he is doing for the Church in Australia. Letter ends with a request for a prize from the Pope for a bazaar to be held in aid of their schools. 4pp
207	10 June 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Chiara Giuseppa Martinelli, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude from Reverend Mother Abbess and the writer. That morning they have begun a triduum of Communions and will remember Kirby. [Italian] 1p
208	11 June 1890	Holograph letter from +J. O'Mahony, Toronto, to Kirby: Introducing 'the Misses Larkin and companions' visiting Rome. 2pp
209	12 June 1890	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Sends petition for dispensation Fr. Cavanagh himself presented to Cardinal Simeoni, but which through some oversight was sent back to the writer. Asks Kirby to present it again, and if he explains the history perhaps it will be granted the sooner. Thanks Kirby for kindness when in Rome. 4pp

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210	12 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Henry [O'Neill], Newry, to Kirby: Encloses draft for fifty pounds, further instalment of late Fr. O'Neill for masses, at an honorarium of 2/6 each. Gives words of bequest. Bishop seems to have recovered from recent illness. 4pp
211	13 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. D. M'Cashin, 'St. Malachy's Presbytery', to Kirby: At request of Bishop, M'Alister encloses application for a dispensation. 1p
212	13 June 1890	Holograph letter from Mrs. John Carroll, Ontario, to Kirby: Personal letter from cousin enclosing verses on her murdered brother, about whom she has written twice - also sending newspapers - without receiving a reply from Kirby. [Only front page of enclosed verses digitised - back contains draft.] 6pp
213	13 June 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Angelica Amoni, Foligno, to Kirby: Apologising for the long delay in replying, writer explains that it was because she wanted to find a really beautiful picture 'immagine' of St. Agnes of Assisi. She has not found one better than another, and asks Kirby to have patience. She takes the occasion to thank him, in the name of the Community, for all his charity to them. [Italian] 2pp
214	14 June 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary de Sales Fallon, Newtownforbes, to Kirby: The Convent of Mercy needs money - Kirby may have 'an alms' he would like to send to Ireland? 1p
215	14 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: No copy of documents issued by Propaganda on 21 January 1861, namely an 'Instructio' and a form for preparation of the 'Relatio Status', to be found in Dublin - as the Archbishop is about to prepare his 'Relatio', would Kirby kindly let him have a copy. 3pp

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216	15 June 1890	Holograph letter from A.M. Bennett, Aigle, to Kirby: Personal note mainly regarding 'dear Dora', who is dead. 2pp
217	15 June 1890	Holograph letter from Suor Maria Agostina Cella, 'Mro. Di S. Caterina da Siena', to Kirby: Personal letter asking Kirby to visit the writer, as she has a great need to see him. [Italian] 1p
218	15 June 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Clotilde Sentinelli, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter. [Italian] 1p
219	15 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Flynn, Hugh McGrath, Francis Farrington, London, to Kirby: Personal letter giving an account of their visit to the Passion Play of which they enclose a copy, and also an album of principal scenes. 4pp
220	17 June 1890	Holograph letter from [Rev.] John A. Ryan, Tramore, to Kirby: Asks for favours 'contained in enclosed paper'. Dr. Egan enjoys good health. 1p
221	17 June 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Regarding Fr. Carlos who has gone, without permission, to Rome to appeal against Archbishop McEvilly's judgement. Writer had referred him to Propaganda to obtain permission to absent himself from his diocese. As he now acts in defiance of authority, writer hopes that this, as well as for other considerations, Propaganda will not receive his appeal. Feels sure Propaganda will 'not only show the kind regard' they have for wishes of Archbishop McEvilly and Bishop Gillooly, but will also give a salutary lesson to Fr. Carlos and others like him. Writer's health somewhat better. 4pp
222	17 June 1890	Holograph letter from F. della Volpe, Vatican, to Kirby: From the Maestro di Camera of His Holiness regarding a French-Irish letter. [Italian] 1p

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223	18 June 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding case of All Hallows College, of which the writer knows little - does not wish to interfere in matter. His predecessors, Cardinals Cullen and MacCabe 'never troubled themselves for a moment' over the College. Gives reason and has written to Cardinal Simeoni. Presumes that finally Rome 'will have to take the whole affair into its own hands', and the writer hopes that by that time things will not be so bad that it will be necessary to close the College. 4pp
224	18 June 1890	Holograph letter from Monsignor Bernard O'Reilly, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter, giving family news - all hope to leave for New York in ten days - speaks of his books. 4pp
225	18 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Joseph Kearns, Adm., Hilltown, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for a hundred pounds for Masses for the late V. Rev. A.I. Finnegan's intentions at an honorarium of 2/6d each, i.e. for 800 Masses. Writer would like to have them said as soon as possible, 'as he requested to have them said for July if possible'. Bishop McGivern is 'turning out a second Francis de Sales'. Could Kirby get writer the privilege of giving the Apostolic Benediction on the Feast of the Assumption, when they hold their annual procession. 3pp
226	18 June 1890	Holograph letter from M. Geltrude, Rome, to Kirby: This letter, which the Mother General has given Sr. Geltrude the pleasure to write, mainly concerns a visit to Sr. M. Fortunata. They ask Kirby of his charity to send them 10 lira. 2pp
227	19 June 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Paris, to Kirby: Apologises for trouble caused Kirby and Propaganda. As regards the dispensation circumstances arose which made it necessary for writer to use his extraordinary powers in certain cases and grant it himself. Grateful for information obtained regarding consecration of altar stones. 4pp

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228	21 June 1890	Holograph letter from +Bartholomew Woodlock, Longford, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for good care taken of him and Fr. Pinkman when they were in Rome. Is a little alarmed at a report that an altar coming from the Dominicans in Rome to the Archbishop of Dublin has been stopped as 'a work of art' - hopes it is not their altar from S. Caterina di Siena. Would Kirby or Dr. Hassan let him know if it is safe and when to expect it. Enquiries regarding faculties for blessing beads sent to the College from Propaganda for priests in Diocese of Ardagh - suggests how they could be sent. One of Fr. Pinkman's eyes is very bad, and doctor advises rest. Will Kirby, therefore, obtain privilege of saying Votive Mass of the B.V. every day. Hears Kirby may be losing Mgr. Jacobini - if this is so, should the Bishop write to him? In a postscript marked 'Private', writer says that he spoke to 'the good and wise Cardinal of Westminster' regarding making a move in the House of Commons about the Pope's temporal power. After a long discussion the Cardinal asked him to tell Kirby that he would be careful to avail himself of the opportunity to do so, should the occasion arise, but that it would not be prudent to 'make' the occasion - much harm might come from so doing. 4pp
229	22 June 1890	Holograph letter from W. McFeely, Buncrana, to Kirby: Regarding marriage dispensation for which his brother appealed to Rome. Would be glad to know progress. Gives some details. Miss Craig already receiving wedding gifts. Whatever is done, writer hopes it will be for the good of those concerned 'and agreeable to the Will of God'. Local news. 4pp
230	23 June 1890	Holograph letter from William F. Brady, Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses two pounds for Mass intentions as indicated. Writes of his troubles - extreme poverty - sickness of wife - ill health of self - 9 in family and no means of keeping them. Includes note in Kirby's writing stating that he returned the £2. 7pp

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231	26 June 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Patrick Lyons, P.P., Castlebar, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for pound towards debt incurred in building school and house for Brothers of the Christian Schools. His name on the list of subscribers will be 'of greatest service'. 2pp
232	26 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Robert Crickard, Belfast, to Kirby: On behalf of Dr. McAlister, now on Confirmation tour, writer forwards application for dispensation. 1p
233	27 June 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer has received letter from Cardinal Simeoni telling him of the 'appeal' [i.e. regarding All Hallows College]. Nothing has been done locally by the Ordinary authority, and the 'only ground of appeal so far seems to be that Cardinal Simeoni has explained to Dr. McDevitt that there 'is' an Ordinary authority here!' The writer goes on to say that 'the appeal seems to be from Cardinal Simeoni to the Propaganda', and adds. 'The consequences of the whole proceeding are deplorable'. 2pp
234	27 June 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter. Feels confusion because he did not make it clear what the Archbishop wants. Explains the matter more clearly. Sends paper giving result of Bishops' Meeting at Maynooth. 4pp
235	27 June 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Gabriel, Bingara, New South Wales, to Kirby: Encloses letter to be laid at the foot of statue of Our Lady in the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Writer is in trouble and asks prayers. 2pp

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236	28 June 1890	Holograph letter from +John K. O'Doherty, Derry, to Kirby: Writer understands that before a bishop can make use of money received for a dispensation for his own purposes, he must have permission from the Holy See. He would like to have this permission, not only for the future but also for the time since his appointment and gives reasons. Thinks power of granting plenary indulgence at hour of death died with his predecessor, and would like to have this renewed, so that his priests conferring the Last Sacraments could at the same time grant a plenary indulgence. Has learned that Propaganda wishes all Irish bishops to go to Rome this year, so writer will be seeing Kirby sooner than he expected. Usual meeting of Bishops at Maynooth recently, but 'nothing new there'. Includes Kirby's draft reply. 2 items.
237	28 June 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Imelda, 'Sion Hill, Blackrock', to Kirby: A Franciscan father wishes to know whether case of Warren Point nuns has been submitted to Rome - personal news. 4pp
238	29 June 1890	Holograph letter from +J.W. Corbett, Sale, to Kirby: Diocesan news. Great difficulties if collectors come on behalf of Irish church in Rome, owing to poverty of writer's 'immense and sparsely populated territory...' 4pp
239	1 July 1890	Holograph letter from +William G. McCloskey, Louisville, to Kirby: Introducing Dr. John A. Ouchterlony and his wife, 'very dear personal friends' of the writer - visiting Rome. 3pp

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240	1 July 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for faculties. Regarding young priest about whom Kirby wrote, he 'can say to the Monsignore that the suggestion is one that falls in most fully with my personal views. I do not know what his own Bishop would say to it, or what the view of the young priest himself may be.' Writer would do his best to provide 'some suitable occupation', although this may not be possible for some little time. He presumes that if the project is carried out, the priest would take his turn, if necessary, and for as long as necessary, at ordinary missionary work. 4pp
241	1 July 1890	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, 'Steamer Jumna, off Naples', to Kirby: Introducing Church of England clergyman, Mr. Elrington, who intends visiting Rome. Gives details, asks advice for him. 1p
242	1 July 1890	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, 'Steamer Jumna, off Naples', to Kirby: Writer gives reasons for his present journey to Ireland. They are to obtain Christian Brothers, 'or other male Religious Teachers' - to 'arrange students in College so that, within a few years, I may have a competent priesthood'. Has left his diocese, Brisbane, in the hands of Cardinal Moran. Gives Kirby his proposed itinerary, asking him if anything does not seem right to him to write c/o D.B. Dunne at an address in Dublin. 2pp
243	2 July 1890	Holograph letter from Arthur Moore, London, to Kirby: Asks privilege of a private oratory and of the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in it - 'enclosure' shows that his Archbishop will support the petition. 4pp
244	3 July 1890	Holograph letter from Ada [...], Viareggio, to Kirby: Personal letter informing Kirby that the writer is returning, by the same post, the book he lent her. 2pp

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245	3 July 1890	Holograph letter from [Lodovico Can. Setoiller], [Rome], to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude to Kirby for his kindness and for his encouragement. [Italian] 1p
246	3 July 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Clotilde Sentinelli, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter - writer wishes to see Kirby. [Italian] 1p
247	3 July 1890	Holograph letter from +Federico Bishop of Cervien, Cervien, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for Mass stipends. Problem of funds to educate future priests. Enquires about Monsignor 'Omaony', Bishop of Armidale. Encloses receipt for the Mass intentions. 2 items.
248	7 July 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Teresa dell'Immacolata, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding her community and thanking Kirby for his charity in sending them 20 lira. [Italian] 3pp
249	7 July 1890	Holograph letter from Ven. Archiconfraternità of S. Anna de Paragrenieri, Roma, to Kirby: Printed appeal from the Arch-confraternity for charity. [Italian] 1p
250	8 July 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Patrick J. Horgan, P.P., Kilworth, to Kirby: Writer refers to his previous letter, in which he asked Kirby to obtain for his sister, and as many nuns as necessary, a dispensation from enclosure so that they may go, on the invitation of Bishop Gibney or Perth, to establish a foundation of the Presentation Order in Australia. Explains urgency. Assures Kirby that he will make all arrangements for the due care of his parish during his 6-months' absence. 4pp
251	10 July 1890	Holograph letter from Eliza Butler, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 4pp

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252	10 July 1890	Holograph letter from +Edward McGennis, Cavan, to Kirby: Query regarding writer's 'ad limina' visit. Fr. Flood, one of his priests, is visiting Rome and will call on Kirby. 'If newspaper reports are to be believed, the Pope is not likely to survive the summer'. 2pp
253	11 July 1890	Holograph letter from John J. Keane, Washington, D.C., to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for letter of sympathy in connection with writer's recent accident. 4pp
254	11 July 1890	Holograph letter from +Federico Bishop of Cervien, Cervien, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for Kirby's great charity. [Italian] 1p
255	12 July 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Encloses judgement from Archbishop of Tuam in Latin, as requested by Kirby, with 'sealed paper' containing evidence of 3 priests who were successively curates to Fr. Carlos since 1873. Gives details of state of parish under Fr. Carlos, and steps writer had to take to ensure as far as possible the well-being of the people. He hopes that Propaganda will help him by sustaining his authority and confirming the judgement of the Archbishop as quickly as may be. 3pp
256	12 July 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for £50.0.3 quarterly dividend on £7,461.13.0. Government Stock. Alarming reports in press regarding physical condition of Pope. Diocesan retreat closes today. In a postscript he mentions that Dr. Murphy wishes to thank Kirby for documents sent. 3pp
257	12 July 1890	Holograph letter from M. Giacinta Mastrofini, Palestrina, to Kirby: Asking Kirby for help, on the advice of the Countess Virginia Celani, in view of their straitened circumstances. 2pp

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258	12 July 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. de Sales Dooner, Skibbereen, to Kirby: The Convent of Mercy has received Kirby's gift of a picture of the Sacred Heart from the Bishop. Bazaar was a great success. Local news. 4pp
259	13 July 1890	Holograph letter from +William Lanigan, Goulburn, to Kirby: Writer has sent Kirby papers giving an account of the proceedings at Goulburn on 29 June. 'They were very grand considering the circumstances of Australia'. Local news. Protestants much impressed, and sending their children to Catholic schools. 4pp
260	14 July 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Daniel M'Cashin, Belfast, to Kirby: Bishop M'Alister wishes writer to forward very urgent petition for dispensation, which he asks Kirby to expedite. 2pp
261	14 July 1890	Holograph letter from Suor Leontina Vandel, [Rome], to Kirby: The Reverend Mother General regrets that she was not able to present her respects to Kirby in person the day before, and begs the favour of Kirby coming to the convent on Saturday, 19th, at 5 p.m. for Solemn Benediction. [Italian] 2pp
262	15 July 1890	Holograph letter from +John Coffey, Killarney, to Kirby: Having no faculties to dispense in case enclosed, writer asks Kirby to 'obtain the necessary dispensation in the invalid marriage', giving reasons why he cannot dispense and why he told Fr. Martin that 'the Holy See must be applied to'. 2pp
263	16 July 1890	Holograph letter from M. Giacinta Mastrofini, Palestrina, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude to Kirby for his great charity. [Italian] 2pp

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264	16 July 1890	Fragment handwritten letter from [+Joseph P. Byrne], Dubbo, Bathurst Diocese, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain dispensation for Richard J.J. Ryan, 'a subject of mine', to marry his deceased wife's sister, Annie Butler. Gives reasons. 1p
265	17 July 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. P. Horgan, P.P., Kilworth, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter and, as suggested, sends renewal of his petition in Latin, duly signed by his Bishop. Writer hopes it will receive favourable consideration. [see KIR/1890/250] 2pp
266	19 July 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges Kirby's letter. Encloses cheque for £10.0.10, half yearly dividend on £515 Great North Railway debenture stock. Archbishop is anxious to know what fuel is used in the large braziers used in sacristies in Rome, as he is desirous of drying out the walls of his new house as quickly as possible and thinks the Roman plan may be quick and feasible. Fuel probably either coke or charcoal. 3pp
267	19 July 1890	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for 'certain faculties' for missionary priests at Enniscorthy. Trusts Kirby was able to cash cheque writer gave him in Rome - no mention of it in bank statement as yet - if not possible to change will send him ten pounds from Ireland at once. Irish summer so far cold and rainy. Press says Pope is well and vigorous. 2pp
268	19 July 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Philomena Zaccardi, Rome, to Kirby: Personal and sad letter. 2pp
269	19 July 1890	Holograph letter from A.H. Murphy, Paris, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter, novena of Masses and papal blessing. Since she broke her hip bone she still lies flat but hopes soon to be able to try the leg. Asks Kirby not to tell anyone of the accident as she does not want her relatives to know. 4pp

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270	20 July 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Writer's sister has died a Protestant. Has seen the La Sagesse Convent in St. Laurent, with 600 religious there, which 'was really a grace'. Regarding shrine of Our Lady at Sclerder, little is heard of her in the diocese - their chaplain, though a priestly man, scarcely speaks of her and has done all he can to discourage devotion to her, gives details. Fears they will have to leave, or give up devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Asks Kirby's prayers. 10pp
271	20 July 1890	Holograph letter from M. Limbuna Amadio, Montefalco S. Chiara, to Kirby: Writer tells of their tribulations and asks Kirby's help. [Italian] 1p
272	21 July 1890	Holograph letter from +Edward of Nottingham, Nottingham, to Kirby: Introducing Mr. Rowson, 'a priest who having gone astray is not penitent and on probation'. Writer asks if Kirby can help by finding work so that the priest is able to keep himself. 1p
273	22 July 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Ignatius Walsh, Yarrayonga, Victoria, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of convent since arrival of nuns in Australia the previous March. 6pp
274	23 July 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Francis Farrington, Rathdrum, to Kirby: Gives an account of his work since leaving the College. Describes an unusual sick call he had to make. Local news. 6pp
275	23 July 1890	Holograph letter [incomplete, but probably from Sr. Gabriel], Dunedin, to Kirby: Regarding ill health of Bishop, who is forbidden to say Mass but who sometimes 'steals over' to the convent and says it there. 4pp
276	24 July 1890	Holograph letter from E. Farrington, Kimmage, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for present - mentions his son who 'seems very well and strong and quite happy in his vocation ...' [see KIR/1890/274] 3pp

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277	26 July 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Galway, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter. Thinks one of the 'offences' of Fr. Carlos mentioned only briefly should be told in more detail. It is that, without knowledge of his Bishop and against 'a very strict decree of the Synod of Thurles and of Maynooth', he bought a farm of 120 acres from which the tenant had been evicted - and this at a time when there was great excitement in Ireland against 'grabbers of evicted farms'. Writer most unhappy all the time but did not wish to suspend the priest, as that was something he had never done before to anyone. 3pp
278	27 July 1890	Holograph letter from A. Carroll, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter regretting brief visit to Tivoli. Asks for relics. Has 50 lire for poor nuns. Still hopes to see Pope. 2pp
279	30 July 1890	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Kilraine, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for present of 'beautiful painting', which is sure to call forth the devotion of a Donegal congregation. Mr. McDwyer, who is wonderfully improved by his residence in Rome, delivered it the previous day. 2pp
280	30 July 1890	Holograph letter from Kate O'Connor, Elphin, to Kirby: Personal letter. Family news. Asks for relic of the True Cross for Sr. Regis Browne of Loretto Convent, Dublin, her cousin, to whom she owes a great deal. 5pp

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281	30 July 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Protestant press has announced that Dr. O'Dwyer of Limerick has received a letter 'of approval from the Holy See in reference to his attack on John Dillon'. If this is true, the writer thinks it is more likely than anything else to drive the Irish people into the attitude into which 'Catholic populations of so many countries on the continent have long since been driven'. Tells of the case - how 'offensive' Dr. O'Dwyer's letter is to the Irish hierarchy - how Dr. O'Dwyer was attacked by John Dillon because of 'a most shameful proceeding of his towards a number of poor tenants in his diocese who were evicted for inability of pay a most excessive rent. The Bishop wrote to prevent funds being raised for their relief.' Dillon attacked the Bishop 'in very intemperate language', whereupon the Bishop declared that the attack was made on him because 'he' was upholding the authority of the Holy See 'meaning, of course, that he alone is doing it'. Writer thinks Kirby should understand the position. A postscript refers to trouble 'over the Malta affair'. 4pp
282	1 August 1890	Holograph letter from Dr. William Hourigan, Freshford, to Kirby: Wishing to marry a Protestant, Miss St. George, and unable to get the Bishop of Ossory to act in the matter of a dispensation, writer turns to Kirby giving all the details, together with the names of 2 priests, V. Rev. Dr. Lynch, P.P., V.G., Rathdowney and Rev. Edward Shea, P.P., Urlingford, who can confirm all that he says. 4pp
283	1 August 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Henry O'Neill, Newry, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £45, balance of sum bequeathed by Fr. O'Neill, deceased, for Masses. The total of £100 is now made up. Asks for formal receipt. Bishop Lynch not well - just entered on his 89th year. 2pp
284	2 August 1890	Holograph letter from Hugh McDwyer, Kilraine, to Kirby: Personal note from a student, telling of his health. 3pp

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285	2 August 1890	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for forwarding letters sent him from Australia, as also for the news of the painting of Our Lady of Mercy, with the Pope's 'sanction, blessing and indulgences' sent to the Sisters of Mercy 'here'. Writer is negotiating with the Christian Brothers for 'some more of their community for Brisbane'. 1p
286	4 August 1890	Holograph letter from P. Scarpati Barnabita, Rome, to Kirby: Writer pays homage to Kirby, asking his judgement of his 'Autropologia', drawing his attention to the 'Osservatore Romano' of 2 February and 'Civittà Cattolica' of 2 August. 1p
287	5 August 1890	Holograph letter from [M. Giuseppe Piergentits], S. Susanna, to Kirby: Writing of the festivities in honour of St. Susana, now approaching, celebrated by the Forty Hours and Holy Mass. Kirby is asked for his usual charity. Writer begs his pardon for this importunity. 2pp
288	5 August 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Dr. J. MacDevitt, Rome, to Kirby: Decision of Sacred Congregation in their case concerning All Hallows College confirmed by Pope 'last Sunday'. Writer does not know all the particulars, but gives Kirby the broad outlines - thanks him for all he has done - would like private audience with the Pope, but feels it 'might aggravate the mortification of His Grace of Dublin!' Mgr. Adriano has therefore advised writer to wait a while. He hopes to go home soon, but must wait for permission from Propaganda. Again thanks Kirby for 'all the wise counsel, sympathy and generous kindness' he has given him. 4pp
289	5 August 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter, faculties, dispensation in abstinence on the 15th and also for letter conveying Pope's message, which has been a comfort 'in the midst of much obloquy'. He thanks Kirby for his 'wise and holy suggestions'. 4pp

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290	7 August 1890	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Dromore, to Kirby: Sends Peter's Pence, £216, together with ten pounds for Kirby. 1p
291	8 August 1890	Holograph letter from J.I. Farr, London, to Kirby: Writer mentions inability to stay long enough for an Audience on previous visit to Rome - hopes to return for two days in September and asks Kirby to arrange for a ticket to be sent to him at the Hotel Continental. 3pp
292	8 August 1890	Holograph letter from +A. Brownrigg, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges Kirby's letter and enclosures for Fr. Aylward. As to the suggestion that he should send students to the Irish College, nothing would give him greater pleasure than that a percentage of his priests should be educated in Rome, gives reasons, but he did send a couple of students to Rome and was much disappointed in the results. both good priests, but 'they have failed in their allegiance to the Diocese to which they belonged. One is now a priest in an Australian Diocese while originally intended for House of Missions, Enniscorthy, and the other has recently transferred his allegiance to another Diocese in Ireland. In the latter case, at least, the ecclesiastical Superiors at Rome acted as chief agents in bringing about the change ...' and that with never a line or a word to the Bishop on the subject. 'Bishops even in Ireland do not like to be treated after such a fashion ... But anything at all is good enough for our poor country ... I must, therefore, decline at least for the present to entrust any more of our students to a Roman training'. 4pp
293	9 August 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Stonyhurst, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks from writer who is visiting her sons, but expects to return to Sclerder in about a week. 2pp

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294	9 August 1890	Holograph letter from [Carroll, a nun], London, to Kirby: Regrets that Kirby was at Tivoli when writer with her brother and Sr. Borgia were in Rome. Gives family news. Understands that every pilgrim has 'a sort of right to 6 relics each', and they have none. Would like Kirby to send them, gives addresses in Ireland where she will be prior to going to America. As for herself, she thinks she deserves a blessing - gives details of her life over the years - she has already received autographed letter from Pius IX and a special message from Leo XII, besides favours obtained for her by Kirby. 4pp
295	10 August 1890	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Homburg, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges dispensation forwarded to him from Ireland. He is in Germany for his health, which is now improved and hopes to leave for the Passion Play soon. Sorry Fr. Carlos has been 'so steadfast'. It is unpleasant for Bishop Gillooly to be involved in an annoying suit as he is not yet fully restored to health. Writer thinks there is 'no better man in the Church, no Prelate more hard working'. Feels it is better to deal through Kirby rather than direct to Cardinal Prefect - 'I send my reasons in accompanying paper.' 2pp
296	10 August 1890	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Homburg, to Kirby: Regarding the case of Fr. Carlos, writer gives reasons why he gave judgement against him, praising Bishop Gillooly who finally acted when he found Fr. Carlos has permitted one of his curates, Fr. Hopkins, to die without the Sacraments. [This is quite possibly the 'paper' referred to in KIR/1890/295] 4pp
297	11 August 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for forwarding. 1p

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298	11 August 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Higgins, Sydney, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges dispensation. Kirby's relations do not live in Sydney but on the south coast, 'and are in very prosperous circumstances. One family is names 'Comyn, Mrs. Comyn being a relation of your Grace. Two of her sons hold the Commission of the peace ...' Australian news. 4pp
299	12 August 1890	Holograph letter from George O'Byrne, Nottingham, to Kirby: Although receiving no acknowledgement of three letters accompanied by packets of verses, writer does not lose confidence in Kirby, but by this post is sending some verses in memory of Tom Moore, with music and portrait, published at the expense of three pounds, 'in hope of national patronage'. Hopes Kirby will favour him 'with some small remittance', He is 'certainly becoming famous, nevertheless often penniless'. Gives details of commendations received from Cracow, Venice. 2pp
300	12 August 1890	Holograph letter from Mrs. A.H. Murphy, Paris, to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks and family news - encloses cheque for one hundred pounds for Kirby. 4pp
301	13 August 1890	Holograph letter from Dr. William Hourigan, Freshford, to Kirby: Regarding writer's wish to marry a Protestant, has applied to Cardinal Simeoni, in accordance with Kirby's advice. Hopes that Kirby will use his influence. Encloses two pounds for Mass to be said for writer and Miss St. George. Includes note in Kirby's handwriting saying 'Sent him back his £2 - advice not to marry a Protestant.' 2pp
302	14 August 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. M. Mooney, Cahir, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter and enclosures. Personal letter praising Bishop O'Dwyer for the stand he has made. Regarding writer's devotion to Our Blessed Lady. 4pp

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303	16 August 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. P. Power, Cobar, New South Wales, to Kirby: Writer wishes to attend Theological studies in a Roman University for a year or two, and has been advised to apply to Kirby for information as to what he must do to qualify. Gives details. 2pp
304	16 August 1890	Holograph letter from M.G. Piergentili, S. Susana, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for the 250 lira send by Kirby. Writer has written to Cardinal Moran. [see KIR/1890/287] [Italian] 1p
305	19 August 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for trouble taken over case of Fr. Carlos, who seems now to be quiet and not interfering with the administrator. On 19th July Fr. Carlos sent the enclosed letter [not extant], to which the Bishop immediately 'sent the annexed reply' [not extant]. Writer explains his reason for believing it was sufficient to tell Fr. Carlos verbally, and to get his verbal consent, of the appointment of an administrator. Ireland does not consider forms of Canon Law obligatory, as she is waiting for a new Code, such as had been given for the United States which too, until recently - together with England and other countries - did not consider the present Canon Law obligatory in its forms. Thinks Fr. Carlos's lawyer will probably try to make a lot out of Bishop's omission to put his decision in writing. Encloses £20, part of which will be needed to meet expenses connected with the case. 3pp
306	20 August 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Augustine, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and devotional books sent. Would like him to write some advice in English for his 'poor Irish children'. Archbishop of Dublin wants them to open 'at the south side of the city' a University College for women to compete with the Protestant College for the same purpose which now has over 200 girls attending it. The Archbishop has take 28 Merrion Square for the purpose, and classes will open on 5 September. Asks Kirby's prayers. School news. 6pp

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307	21 August 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John Bowes, Ballinasloe, to Kirby: Asks for faculties to enrol in scapular. 1p
308	25 August 1890	Holograph letter from Dr. William Hourigan, Freshford, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter. Gives details of Miss St. George's family and reasons for thinking that, marrying a Catholic, she is herself very likely to become one. 4pp
309	26 August 1890	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, to Kirby: Encloses draft for £20.0.0, being amount collected in diocese for Holy Land, as ordered by the Pope. Informs Kirby that amount sent last year has never been acknowledged by Franciscan Superior who received it, which is not encouraging to the people. The same thing happened when the Children of Mary sent offerings for the papal jubilee - the people were 'much dissatisfied' and it will be difficult to get them to act on another occasion. Writer considers there is a duty on the part of those receiving subscriptions to acknowledge them, whether they are for the Holy Land or for the Pope. How otherwise are people to know whether their offerings were sent? Moreover, having applied to Paris, Brussels etc. for their usual supply of vestments for poor churches, they were 'referred to Vatican exposition all being sent there' and although application has been made to the proper quarter, nothing has been received. Asks whether Fr. Allen, who lived at 49 Via dei Pettinari, is still alive. At the request of the priest and also of his doctor, the writer sent a remedy for the disease from which he suffered, but has heard nothing and it is now over a year. Feels he must be dead. 4pp
310	27 August 1890	Holograph letter from Arthur Moore, Cannock, Staffordshire, to Kirby: Writer did not answer Kirby's kind letter regarding private oratory, as he was expecting that each post would bring 'the much desired boon'. Now he writes to say that should there be any hesitation in Rome as to Dr. Croke's attitude, writer encloses letter which Dr. Croke sent him. News regarding unfavourable weather for harvesting, and fears that potato disease is in the West of Ireland. 3pp

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311	29 August 1890	Holograph letter from [F. di M], Vatican, Anticamera Pontificia, to Kirby: Note from the Maestro di Camera of His Holiness regarding audience applied for on behalf of Mr. Farr. [see KIR/1890/291] [Italian] 1p
312	29 August 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Joseph Coyne, P.P., Devlin, to Kirby: At the request of Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, the writer sends Kirby a copy of the Bishop's Pastoral. 1p
313	29 August 1890	Holograph letter from J.I. Farr, London, to Kirby: Regarding card for Audience, writer is coming to Rome 'purposely so as not to miss this opportunity'. [see KIR/1889/291 and /311] 2pp
314	29 August 1890	Holograph letter from M. Agostina Costa, 'SS. Bno Gesù', to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks for the good wishes sent by Kirby for writer's name-day, and especially for the Holy Mass. [Italian] 1p

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315	30 August 1890	<p>Holograph letter from +John Coffey, Killarney, to Kirby: Regarding privileges asked for by the nuns at Castletown Bere. Explains that while chapel is not public it is used by sufficient numbers, nuns and children, to warrant the request for a Privileged Altar, and writer gives his 'warmest approval' to the application. Agrees that it is deplorable 'to see men calling themselves the Leaders of our people, and calling themselves Catholics' using language in and out of Parliament which is calculated to subvert ecclesiastical authority. 'It is asserted with persistent effrontery that the condemnation of the 'Plan of Campaign by Boycotting ' was obtained through English intrigue at Rome' - mentions speech of Gladstone to Wesleyan Assembly when he speaks of the Pope as 'this gentleman in Rome', in which he said that 'the condemnation alluded to was in return for some concessions received through the diplomatic mission of Sir Lintorn Simmons in reference to the recent arrangements in Malta.' When orators who have the sympathy and ear of the people persist in giving expression to 'calumnies like these' and speak with the assurance of authority and knowledge, who boast of the friendship and hospitality shown them by dignitaries of the Church, it is not to be wondered at that 'the deplorable state of things' to which Kirby alluded should exist in Ireland. The previous Sunday there was 'a gigantic meeting in Limerick, which was wholly taken up with abuse of the Bishop', expressing determination to preach and uphold the 'Plan of Campaign and Boycotting' more vigorously than ever - the speakers maintaining that their view and actions 'have secured the sympathy and practical approval of nine tenths of the bishops and priests of Ireland', mentioning particularly the Archbishops of Dublin and Cashel, saying they can afford to ignore the Bishop's attitude and pronouncements, when they 'have such illustrious names at their side'. Sad and deplorable state of things when men calling themselves Irish Catholics can come to a great Catholic city like Limerick, be received with sympathy and enthusiasm and then denounce the Bishop, because he has fearlessly given expression to what he knows is the decision of the Church 'upon a grave and practical question of Christian morals'. A letter appeared in the 'Freeman' recently from Archbishop Walsh, deprecating that his name should be introduced into 'this unhappy wrangle raging in the South of Ireland', but 'unhappily the view to which he gives expression is by no means of a decisive character, so much so that an ex-student of the Irish</p>

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316	31 August 1890	<p>Holograph letter from Sr. M. Philip, Nottingham, to Kirby: In obedience to her superioress writer asks Kirby if he will be the Sisters' confessor when the time comes, as it will shortly, for them to change their confessor. Explains why the Community is anxious for Kirby to undertake the work. Rest of letter concerns personal problems. Asks prayers for their Reverend Mother who is suffering from a tumour in her arm and may have to have the arm off. [The Sister is of the Little Company of Mary, and the Reverend Mother mentioned is probably the foundress, Mother Mary Potter.] 5pp</p>
317	'August 1890'	<p>Holograph letter from William Vaughan, Liverpool, to Kirby: Personal letter thanking Kirby for his kindness, and asking his prayers for writer's ordination on 7 September. Mentions 'safe and speedy recovery' from 'that strange and serious sickness' which made it necessary for him to leave Rome and attributes his recovery to Kirby's prayers to St. Patrick. 3pp</p>

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318	2 September 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Longish letter telling of writer's success in spreading devotion to Our Lady of Light. Bishop of Salford interested. 4pp
319	4 September 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Patrick Geraghty, P.P., Peterswell, Loughrea, to Kirby: Writer asks for dispensation for marriages, gives details, requests that it be sent direct to him in order to avoid delay by sending it to his Bishop. 2pp
320	4 September 1890	Holograph letter from +Peter McIntyre, Charlottetown, Canada, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for gift of picture of the Sacred Heart. New coadjutor has been consecrated and his election has given general satisfaction to all denominations. 3pp
321	4 September 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M.L. Keenan, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his letter and packet. Perhaps the Pope, having sent them Our Lady of Mercy, will make 12 December, anniversary of foundation of Sisters of Mercy, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, as there is no feast for Our Blessed Lady under that title. 4pp
322	5 September 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes Elise St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Writer quotes lines from letter of Vicar General in reply to letter begging Bishop's approval for a Sodality or Confraternity in honour of Our Lady of Light - Bishop desires him to say that he has powers from the Pope to erect Stations of the Cross, 'and all confraternities approved by the Holy See'. If, therefore, they can prove that a confraternity in honour of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Ghost, is so approved the Bishop 'will gladly see to its erection at Sclerder'. Writer considers this nothing but 'a put-off', such as they have had many times - or so it seems to them. Gives details of other shrines to Our Lady of Light, and asks Kirby to furnish them with 'any general rules for such a Sodality', as their chaplain would then forward them, with a renewed request to the Bishop. 3pp

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323	5 September 1890	Holograph letter from [], Broken Hill, New South Wales, to Kirby: Writer is informing Cardinal Simeoni of first Synod of Diocese of Wilcannia. Proposes to make his 'ad limina' visit in 1891. Must try to get 6 priests for the diocese the coming year. Could Kirby help in this regard? Diocesan news. [letter incomplete but probably the writer is Bishop Joseph Dunne of Wilcannia.] 4pp
324	8 September 1890	Holograph letter from Samuel H. Rowson, Rome, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter enclosing \$10. Hopes he succeeds in getting means of returning to England. Glad Kirby approves the project. Will do his best to take Kirby's advice, and was at Holy Communion that morning. If opportunity arises to speak to Cardinal Simeoni on his behalf, perhaps Kirby's intercession would induce him to help writer, but 'it is only fair' to tell Kirby that Monsignor Campbell and Monsignor Zecchini have both failed to influence the Cardinal in writer's favour. Again thanks. [see KIR/1890/272 from the Bishop of Nottingham.] 2pp
325	8 September 1890	Holograph letter from +John Lyster, Ballaghadereen, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for ten pounds for Kirby. At request of the Cardinal Prefect writer has sent the donation for the new Irish church in Rome to the Prior of St. Patrick's. Bad news of Ireland where the potato crop is already gone owing to the severe autumn. Writer has been in correspondence with the Chief Secretary for Ireland, other Ministers of H.M.'s Government, and with 'a philanthropic and charitable lady in London' hoping, with their help, to 'cope with the impending crisis'. 1p
326	9 September 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Bearer of letter is a Mr. Murphy, appointed to vacant place in Irish College for the Diocese. He brings a good character from the College at Carlow, and writer has 'every reason to hope' that he will be satisfactory. 2pp

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327	9 September 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for his interest in and the trouble he has taken over the case, and hopes 'for the sake of religion and of ecclesiastical authority, which is in special need of support in our day' that the decision will come from the Cardinal and his Council personally, and 'without unnecessary delay'. Fr. Carlos keeps repeating that he 'has reason to know his rights will be all speedily restored to him'. Writer gives details of proposed means of support for Fr. Carlos. Asks Kirby if there is any truth in the rumour that some Irish prelates are to be summoned to Rome. 4pp
328	9 September 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. B. Brady, Genazzano, to Kirby: Writer tells of journey of self and companions - Tivoli to Subiaco, and what they saw and did there, and on to Genazzano. 4pp
329	9 September 1890	Holograph letter from Mrs. A.H. Murphy, Trouville-s-Mer, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding writer's health after her accident. 4pp
330	10 September 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: The letter begins 'Our good and saintly Bishop died on Saturday last'. Tremendous manifestations of sympathy 'from all classes and creeds' on the loss of the Dominican Bishop. Writer sent a telegram to Kirby immediately, but as he was out of Rome he probably did not receive it. At his convenience, not before, will Kirby obtain for the writer all necessary faculties. 2pp
331	10 September 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Joseph Kearns, Hilltown, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for £50 for 400 Masses for intention of late V. Rev. A.J. Finnegan. Regarding death of Bishop and homage paid 'to him who was so humble when on earth'. As for his own future, writer asks Kirby to suggest to Bishop McGivern that he be made P.P. of parish, formerly that of the Bishop, where he has been administrator for past 3 years. Is certain Bishop McGivern will do the right thing. 4pp

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332	17 September 1890	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letters and dispensation. They are 'indeed in troublesome and anxious times and unexpected difficulties are turning up every day'. Gives instance of sort of case writer is asked to advise upon - dispute between tenants and landlord. Asks Kirby what advice 'he' would give. 4pp
333	17 September 1890	Holograph letter from Canon McKenna, Pettigo, to Kirby: Writer gives news of Pottery and says that he encloses copy of 'Irish Catholic' with an account of a visit paid by Dr. Kane to the Pottery. Gives details of progress made in it during past 12 years. Then there was a Freemason in charge, no Mass on Sundays or holidays in Beleek. Now exclusively Catholic concern, with Primate of Ireland, Bishop of Clogher, writer and various other priests shareholders, large number of workers nearly all of whom are Catholics. Have now secured 'an Irish acre of ground for a new church', gives some details. The whole population of Beleek, exclusive of the workers, 140 in the Pottery, is only 70 families. Hoped to go to Rome before beginning this new work to get Pope's blessing on Pottery workers, the people and himself, but this is now impossible. Will Kirby, therefore, obtain the Pope's blessing for the new church and give his own. Bishop of the diocese takes a 'very deep interest' in the new church. 4pp
334	17 September 1890	Holograph letter from Mary Maher, Moate, to Kirby: Personal letter from someone who met him once, as a small child. Regarding the Faith in Ireland, and enclosing an extract from a sermon by Cardinal Manning, taken from the 'Catholic Times'. 5pp

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335	17 September 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Evangelist, Enniscorthy, to Kirby: Having heard that Kirby sent a painting of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy, to one of their convents, writer would like to have another such painting executed, and asks Kirby if he would undertake to have this done. The convent would be 'ready and most willing to pay its cost', and they know a convent in Rome to which it could be sent for transport to Ireland. If Kirby replies, asks him to state cost. 4pp
336	18 September 1890	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Regarding position of things in diocese on death of 'our saintly Bishop'. Wishes Fr. Kearns, 'an excellent priest', to remain administrator - will become P.P. later [see KIR/1890/331]. 3pp
337	19 September 1890	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Encloses applications for 2 dispensations. Refers to petition for faculties for Enniscorthy some weeks previously, to which writer has not as yet received a reply. 'The priests of the House of Missions are very anxious about them'. 2pp
338	20 September 1890	Holograph letter from B. Herder, Publisher, Freiburg, Baden, to Kirby: Having been informed that Bishop Grimes of Christchurch, New Zealand, is travelling in Europe, writer would be grateful if Kirby would let him know the Bishop's present address, as he has ordered some publications of Herder's. 1p
339	20 September 1890	Holograph letter from Louise Beck Kirby, Staten Island, to Kirby: Personal letter. 4pp

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340	21 September 1890	Holograph letter from +M. Naughton, Roseau Dominica, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter. Sad state of things in Italy, source of grief to Pope. During October the 'poor Creoles and blacks come in their hundreds to assist at Mass' and to recite the rosary, all for the intention of the Pope. Sorry to hear of Fr. Allen's death - as he had not heard from him he concluded he must be dead. Hopes Kirby will be able to procure some vestments for them. 4pp
341	22 September 1890	Holograph letter from Pietro Fracchia, Rome, to Kirby: Telling Kirby of the change of date for the usual School of Musica from Tuesday to the Wednesday. The Director wishes to pay Kirby a visit. [Italian] 2pp
342	22 September 1890	Holograph letter from William F. O'Grady, Limerick, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to get in touch immediately with Sr. Lintorn Simmons and with Captain John Ross of Bladensburg, asking them to use their influence with Lord Salisbury to have Mr. O'Grady appointed at once a Land Commissioner or Resident Magistrate - the appointment is being made within the next fortnight, so 'there is not a moment to be lost'. Asks Kirby not to mention his financial difficulties, but in fact this is the 'last and only' chance of saving his family, 10 persons, from the workhouse. Mentions bishops who recommend him, and encloses a letter from Bishop Fitzgerald, which he wishes returned. 14pp
343	23 September 1890	Holograph letter from M.A. Kirwan, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter asking help to obtain 'a tiny cottage home' for writer and sister, as doctor says they are 'both far too delicate now for work and must give it up at any cost'. 4pp
344	23 September 1890	Holograph letter from Bernardino da Marigliano, M.O., Tivoli, to Kirby: Asking charity of Kirby, giving some details - such as the maintenance of students at the International College in Via Merulana, Rome. [Italian] 1p

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345	24 September 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Carroll, Dublin, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for letter and gifts - will write more fully from America, for which country they sail from Queenstown on 22nd October. Could Kirby obtain a picture of the Pope with the printed form of blessing and have it signed by him? Writer has seen many in Ireland. On her return she will pay expenses involved. Convent of Mercy news. Writer's brother and son 'are greatly obliged' for Kirby's kind wishes and prayers. 3pp
346	24 September 1890	Holograph letter from Fannie K. Olcott, West Milford, N.J., to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 6pp
347	24 September 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. W.P. MacNamara, Mark Cross, Sussex, to Kirby: Personal letter from a past student, telling of dreams and visions writer says he has seen regarding the missions on which he has worked. Asks Kirby to offer him to the Pope, promising complete obedience all through life. 12pp
348	26 September 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Teresa Maher, Athy, to Kirby: Hearing that Kirby obtained for their Mother House, Our Lady of Mercy, in Dublin an oil painting of the Mother of Mercy, writer is desired by Rev. Mother to ask for a similar one for Athy. A cheque will be sent as soon as the amount is known. News of Fr. Cullen's death has just reached them. 'what a suffering life he has had and how truly patient he has been Heaven alone knows and will richly recompense'. Convent news. 3pp
349	26 September 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], to Kirby: Writer hopes to arrive in Rome about 15 October, for his 'ad limina' visit, and would like to put up at the Irish College with a past student, Fr. Charles McNamara, if it is convenient. Asks for word in reply to Irish College, Paris. 4pp

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350	26 September 1890	Holograph letter from Bernardina da Marigliano, M.O., Tivoli, to Kirby: Grateful thanks to Kirby for his generous offering towards the maintenance of students at the Franciscan Missionary College in Rome. [See KIR/1890/344] [Italian] 1p
351	26 September 1890	Holograph letter from L.L. Guibard, Richmond, Surrey, to Kirby: Letter from one who is 'neither English nor Irish' - tells of the bitterness that exists among both English and Irish Catholics regarding the Rescript, and how many good, weekly Communicants refuse to give a penny towards Peter's Pence while the Rescript remains unexplained. Praises faith of Irish people. Rescript says that boycotting is sinful - yet 'this comes from Rome which has often used the most terrible forms of boycotting, calling them Interdict and Excommunication!' Writer loves Ireland and England dearly, and Rome more than all. It breaks his heart to see how bitter is the feeling against Rome for siding 'with the already too powerful Government'. 4pp
352	26 September 1890	Holograph letter from +F.S. Chatard, Indianapolis, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby where St. Patrick's words 'Sicut Christiani ita et Romani sitis' occur. Has often to curb desire of people for new churches and school houses for lack of means. Still a great deal is being done for the children, and future looks bright. News of mutual friends. 3pp
353	27 September 1890	Holograph letter from +John O'Doherty, Derry, to Kirby: Writer encloses petition for a P.P. whose sight is very bad and to whom it would be a great favour if permission were granted him to say the short Mass daily. Gives news of Ireland and the harvests. 3pp
353 a	27 September 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John A. Concanon, Kilvine, to Kirby: Asking, in the name of the Archbishop of Tuam, for a dispensation, details of which are given. [Latin] 2pp

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354	29 September 1890	Holograph letter from Quintina Sagozi, Rome, to Kirby: Personal letter thanking Kirby for the ticket which arrives safely that evening. Regarding the celebration of 100 Masses. Asks a remembrance in Kirby's Mass. [Italian] 2pp
355	29 September 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer hopes that Cardinal Simeoni will reserve the decision of the Carlos appeal to his own Council, chiefly for the sake of upholding Dr. MacEvilly's judgement and maintaining ecclesiastical authority in the province. Asks Kirby for copy of commendatory which Fr. Carlos say he, Bishop Gillooly, wrote to him, saying that he could never have written a general approval of his conduct, but perhaps in a particular instance he used 'some laudatory expression with a view to encourage him to be more faithful to his duties'. Thinks exemption from use of Canonical forms hitherto admittedly conceded by Holy See to Bishops of Ireland and other missionary countries 'is a point worthy of the serious consideration of His Eminence'. If concession is to cease it can be done only after formal notice and substitution of new Canonical forms suited to condition of country, as has been done for England and America. 4pp
356	30 September 1890	Holograph letter from Almina F. Congden, Colchester, to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece - family news. 6pp
357	2 October 1890	Holograph letter from B. Stanislaus White, Rome, to Kirby: Writer cannot avail himself of the invitation to visit Kirby at Tivoli, but if Kirby is in Rome on Sunday next he will call about midday, hoping to find a corner reserved for him in the refectory - if another day is more convenient, Kirby is not to hesitate to say so. 2pp
358	4 October 1890	Holograph letter from Prioress of Carmelites, Loughrea, to Kirby: Encloses postal order and list of Mass intentions. 2pp

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359	5 October 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Robert Murphy, P.P., Drogheda, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation, giving details of case. 3pp
360	7 October 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Philip Callary, P.P., St. Mary's, Drogheda, to Kirby: On becoming P.P. some months previously, succeeding Fr. Allen deceased, writer found there was nearly three thousand pounds left by a Mr. Mullin to build a spire to the church. However, all enquiries regarding the money failed to bring it to light. The people felt 'chagrined and disappointed, and in no mood to put their hands in their pockets to supply the necessary funds required for the building'. No course open to writer but to get up a bazaar, for which he would like 'some little prize, no matter how small' from the Pope, and asks Kirby to pass on the request to Bishop Nulty of Meath, now in Rome, as he does not know His Lordship's address. 4pp
361	9 October 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. W.P. MacNamara, Mark Cross, Sussex, to Kirby: A long letter confined almost entirely to 'the many aspersions' directed against the writer's character, both in England and Ireland. 1pp
362	10 October 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gertrude, Gort, to Kirby: Regarding prospective visit to Rome of Fr. Cahill. Writer asks for 'a nice picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel that touched the miraculous one' and wishes to have it blessed and indulgenced by the Pope. News of Fr. Bruen's safe arrival in Nebraska. 1pp
363	10 October 1890	Holograph letter from +James Murray, Newcastle, Australia, to Dr. Hassan: Personal letter - greeting to Dr. Kirby - books ordered at Propaganda have arrived, but without a bill enclosed - in the midst of strikes in Australia. 3pp

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364	10 October 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Julia, Cincinnati, to Kirby: Knowing Kirby's interest in their Congregation and in the cause of their Foundress, Mother Julie Billiart, the writer sends her profound homage. Wishes to give Kirby a present on the 50th anniversary of their foundation. The Sisters beg his benediction. Asks him to plead the cause of their foundress with the Pope. [French] 3pp
365	15 October 1890	Holograph letter from William Bernard Lappin, Gilford, to Kirby: Writer has wished 'for the past 5 years' to enter a monastery, but 'owing to a little deformity' has found it impossible. Now asks Kirby to obtain dispensation and to communicate with the Lord Abbot of the Charnwood Cistercians, Loughborough, England, giving result and also writer's full name and address, as he has not so far been in touch with the Monastery concerned. 2pp
366	15 October 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Acknowledges receipt of Kirby's letter with enclosure. Archbishop is now at Clonliffe with all the other prelates for the Bishops' annual October meeting. Archbishop has moved to his new house, with which he is very pleased, and writer encloses card with new address. 4pp
367	17 October 1890	Holograph letter from 'V.P.', Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [Italian] 2pp
368	21 October 1890	Holograph letter from +James Browne, Wexford, to Kirby: Writer encloses 'answers to the different questions in reference to the woman who wants the dispensation' - also copy of petition for faculties for priests of House of Missions in handwriting of Kirby's friend, Mr. Kelly. No letter has been received from Rome in respect of these faculties which Kirby said had been granted - asks Kirby to procure them 'for the poor men who are in great need of them'. 2pp

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369	22 October 1890	Holograph letter from +William Lanigan, Goulbourn, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for £10 as personal donation and also £12 for Kirby. Not one priest of writer's diocese would accept any tickets in aid of the Roman Artists and Workmen. Although exempt from his 'ad limina' visit, he proposes to come to Rome the following year, when he will give the Pope the money he has collected, as also his report. 3pp
370	23 October 1890	Holograph letter from [M. Giullielini], Arezzo, to Kirby: As commissioned by her friend, Zelinda Del Rosso, writer asks Kirby for charity 'in favore' of the holy souls in Purgatory. [Italian] 1p
371	24 October 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Denis Pettit, Dublin, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for £50.0.3, quarterly dividend on £8,237.7.2 Government Stock. Mr. Hugh McDwyer, student on his way to the Irish College, called and, on Dr. Hassan's instructions, took away the Russian bonds which were left by Dr. Verdon. Bishops' meeting went off 'very successfully'. Pastoral Letter from whole body will appear next Sunday - will contain the resolutions adopted by the bishops when Papal decrees on boycotting appeared, also explanation of the decree which appeared in interview given to 'Freeman's Journal' by the Archbishop. 'This is all to prove that the bishops as a body had done their duty with regard to the decree notwithstanding the statements of Dr. O'Dwyer and the 'Tablet'.' Asks for faculties for Fr. Henry Murphy and the writer to bless beads. 3pp

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372	25 October 1890	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Explains long silence - first a sore leg, then a broken finger and injured back through a fall. Back still makes it impossible for writer to make his 'ad limina' visit this year - will Kirby obtain a dispensation for him, 'or ... get some person to make it' for him? He regrets that this will deprive him of the pleasure of seeing Kirby again before he, the writer, dies. Tells of probability of famine - potato crop a failure. Cannot make collection for completion of his cathedral, or for the new Irish church in Rome, although asked to do so by Cardinal Simeoni. Asks Kirby to explain this to the Cardinal. Diocesan news. 6pp
373	27 October 1890	Holograph letter from Mary Cullen, Liverpool, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding Kirby's letter of sympathy on death of writer's mother and ill health of her brother. 4pp
374	29 October 1890	Holograph letter from Canon Brosnan, Caherciveen, to Kirby: Writer is sending 2 photographs of memorial church which he would like Kirby to show the Pope, if possible, asking for a further blessing on the work and on the writer. [Photos not extant.] Debt of one thousand pounds on the church, as no material aid could be had this year because of failure of potato crop. However, there are 'many places in Ireland, if collectors were to call on the people, where help would be freely given and considerable help may be got in England and Scotland also, if sought for'. Cannot undertake to borrow money and work cannot be continued unless collectors are sent out. The Bishop, who is most anxious for the success of the work 'has a difficulty in asking priests to collect funds for it.' 2 items.
375	29 October 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M.L. Keenan, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for engraving of Our Lady - is sending large photographs to all the convents - is also having petition drawn up for Mass of Our Lady of Mercy, and when Archbishop has signed it will send it to Kirby: 3pp

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376	30 October 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer has decided to ask for a coadjutor and advises Kirby of the step he has taken, giving his reasons for going so. Dr. MacEvilly has received letter from Cardinal Simeoni, and writer hopes his reply will 'remove any difficulties and hesitations they may still have at Propaganda'. Reminds Kirby that he asked for a copy of the laudatory letter writer is said to have sent to Fr. Carlos, but so far it has not come to hand. 3pp
377	'All Hallows Eve' [almost certainly 1890]	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Gonzaga Brennan. Gort, to Kirby: Writer asks for oil painting of Mother of Mercy for their convent chapel - his letter to Baggot Street, Dublin, has been printed and forwarded to them, and they are most anxious to have this picture. 3pp
378	1 November 1890	Holograph letter from Figlie di S. Giuseppe, Rome, to Kirby: A printed notice regarding the Pious Union of the Daughters of St. Joseph, canonically instituted, gives details, for helping abandoned orphans. Asks for help, saying also that money alone is not needed, but gifts of clothing gratefully received. [Italian] 2pp
379	1 November 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Healy, Portumna, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for faculties from Propaganda, although some are missing and he asks that these be obtained. Regarding book he has written, copy of which he will send to Kirby, one had already been presented to the Pope and perhaps before the second edition is published, the Holy Father will send him a word of recommendation, but he told writer that he, himself, does not understand English. Encloses 'small offering' for Kirby. 3pp

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380	2 November 1890	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges letter from Kirby. Has had one also from Cardinal Simeoni, to which he replied, following Kirby's 'kind hints and suggestions' as will be seen by enclosed copy [not now with letter]. Describes case as 'very important', where 'an adverse decision would be most disastrous to the interests of religion'. He has put the point strongly to the Cardinal and has done his best - must now leave the matter in the hands of God and His Blessed Mother. 'It would be a great blow to Dr. Gillooly in his present comparatively weak state of health. He is a great Bishop.' 3pp
381	3 November 1890	Holograph letter from Fr. John Bourke, Pallaskenry, to Kirby: Personal letter. 10pp
382	5 November 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Columba Marmion, Dunmore East, to Kirby: Writer asks for picture of 'Mary Mother of Mercy' with special blessing given by Pope for their convent, of which she gives details of foundation. Personal news. 4pp
383	5 November 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to employ lawyer in appeal case - suggestion of various bishops and also from his own wish to save Kirby all avoidable trouble. He will 'of course provide for his fees and all other expenses' when the affair is finally wound up. He is delighted at the presentation of the case by the Archbishop of Tuam. 3pp
384	6 November 1890	Holograph letter [unknown writer], St. Joseph's Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Longford, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for oil painting promised, and little pictures of Our Lady of Mercy sent. Writer's Jubilee this year. [letter incomplete] 4pp

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385	6 November 1890	Holograph letter from T.J. McRedmond, Ashline, to Kirby: About 6 weeks previously writer asked Kirby to obtain dispensation from his 'ad limina' visit, giving reasons in detail, but so far he has had no reply. Fearing first letter went astray, he asks for a note at Kirby's convenience. 2pp
386	9 November 1890	Holograph letter from [Ginaldo Angeli], Vatican, to Kirby: The Holy Father wishes, for its greater security, that Kirby should forward the letter to the Archbishop of Dublin. It should be enclosed in another envelope, so that the address and the pontifical seal are hidden. [Italian] 1p
387	9 November 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Patrick Sheehan, Adm., Waterford, to Kirby: Encloses petition for mixed marriage, giving details and mentioning various recommendations, his own and the Bishop's included. 4pp
388	10 November 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges Kirby's letter. On receiving Kirby's letter giving him news of the conversation with Cardinal Simeoni, writer immediately 'returned to the meeting at Dublin'. Also applied for permission to send his 'relatio status' by post, which the Cardinal granted. United action of bishops has had a good effect - had the papal condemnation of the Plan of Campaign and Boycotting been fully explained to the people two years ago 'we should have saved our poor country a great deal of sin'. He is sorry 'for Mr. Danaher, but not surprised', adding that he is sure that Mr. Sheehy will give satisfaction to Kirby: 3pp
389	10 November 1890	Holograph letter from Mother Superioress, Convent of Mercy, Pittsburgh, to Kirby: Letter of gratitude for beautiful picture of Our Lady of Mercy. 3pp.

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390	12 November 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges 'without delay' letter from Pope [see KIR/1890/386] which is an honour he never expected to receive. Knew he took a great and unusual liberty in writing to the Pope, and nothing but his 'extreme anxiety for the acceptance of the proposal' which he made to the Bishops would have induced him to do so. Gives some details of work already done 'for the re-establishment of unity among the bishops ...' In future if a bishop is uncertain of action to take he will communicate with the writer, who will call a meeting of the Irish Episcopal Standing Committee. Thinks Pope should know of this. Regarding preparations for feast of their 'great patron, St. Laurence', always a day of special devotion. Archbishop now has 'a grand new house' where he has 'for the first time' since he left Maynooth, 'the advantage and comfort of a library'. 8pp
391	13 November 1890	Holograph letter from +John Coffey, Killarney, to Kirby: Encloses petition from student of Kirby's, Fr. William O'Callaghan, administrator at Tralee, 'one of the most respected priests in the Diocese', asking for reply to be send to Fr. O'Callaghan, as writer will probably be away, 'and delay may be dangerous'. 1p
392	13 November 1890	Holograph letter from [Emily], [] to Kirby: Personal letter of thanks to Kirby on his sympathy on the death of writer's wife? 2pp
393	13 November 1890	Holograph letter from Mary Cullen, Liverpool, to Kirby: Personal letter regarding health of writer's brother. 4pp
394	14 November 1890	Holograph letter from Martin Howlett, Inistioge, to Kirby: Writer would have written to Kirby before, to thank him for all his great kindness during his 'term in Rome', but he was waiting to be able to say that he was 'fixed' at his work. However, he has not yet heard from the Archbishop, and must wait no longer. Gives news of the death of his Mother, only 57 years of age, and of how Bishop Brownrigg very kindly presided at the month's mind. 4pp

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395	15 November 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Daniel Coghlan, Ballymacward, to Kirby: Encloses petition for dispensation, and encloses a pound 'for trouble and postage'. 1p
396	16 November 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Margaret, Enniscorthy, to Kirby: Gratitude for trouble taken over painting. Convent news. 4pp
397	16 November 1890	Holograph letter from Miss Cullen, Kilkenny, to 'Your Eminence': Purely personal letter on spiritual matters. [perhaps a trifle unbalanced]. 7pp
398	17 November 1890	Holograph letter from Lillu Visconti, Siena, to Kirby: Purely personal letter. 6pp
399	17 November 1890	Holograph letter from [L. Formili-Carbani], Rector, Rome, to Kirby: Writer tells of the Forty Hours being held in his church, Chiesa di S. Andrea al Quirinale, and asks for a donation. [Italian] 2pp
400	18 November 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer acknowledges letter referring to compromise suggested by Propaganda. Such an action had been discussed previously with the Archbishop of Tuam, and they came to the conclusion that it would be impossible except on conditions incompatible with conscience. Priest has been boasting that he will put down both Archbishop and Bishop. Gives details of neighbouring parish where 'a pious respectable priest' had to be given an administrator and how well things have worked out. 3pp

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401	19 November 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Encloses petition to which writer has given his consent. Sisters of Mercy most grateful for pictures of Our Lady. Kirby will have heard of 'latest scandal' and will be horrified at tone of 'an abominable article in yesterday's 'Freeman' in reference to it'. If private character of representatives, no matter how bad, is not concern of people or their religious teachers, then 'we shall be soon led by men as bad as the continental revolutionists'. 2pp
402	19 November 1890	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for the address of Fr. Archibald Douglas, to whom he has now written, and a copy of whose reply he gives herewith. Apparently the Hon. John Douglas, living in Australia, wishes to send his sons to a school in Scotland, and Lord Archibald Douglas is writing to recommend the Fort Augustus School in Inverness, gives reasons. Archibald Douglas had had no idea that the Faith 'had made its way' into another 'division' of his family until he received the Bishop's letter. Rest of letter concerned with personal matters. 2pp
403	20 November 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Agnes Maguire, Wexford, to Kirby: Thanks Kirby for kindness and beautiful gifts 'for the Golden Jubilee of this convent', Our Lady of Mercy, St. Michael's. News of Sisters sent to Australia the previous year. Encloses pound for Masses. 5pp
404	21 November 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary of St. Agnes, Drumshambo, to Kirby: Writer, Mother Abbess of Franciscan Convent of Perpetual Adoration, thanks Kirby for painting of St. Agnes of Assisi, which was framed and places on an altar in the choir for her feast. 3pp

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405	21 November 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thinks it only right 'to send to H.H. a few lines of formal thanks and acknowledgement of his extreme condescension in writing' to him - asks Kirby to take best means of having letter conveyed to its destination [see KIR/1889/390 and /386]. Kirby will have heard of 'disgraceful revelation in the O'Shea case'. News of visits from Primate and Bishop of Raphoe. 3pp
406	23 November 1890	Holograph letter from Maria Filomina Saccioni, [Abbess], Sascoli Piceno, to Kirby: Personal letter asking help for her poor Community. [Italian] 1p
407	24 November 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Joseph Kearns, Hilltown, to Kirby: Encloses cheque for a hundred pounds for 'at least' 800 Masses for the late Fr. A.I. Finnegan's intentions. Glad Kirby thought Patrick Greenan worthy to be called to the sub-diaconate. Thanks Kirby for writing to Bishop on his behalf, has been given another curate and still addressed as Administrator. If Kirby knows what the Bishop intends to do in his regard, would he let writer know and when writing again he 'could kindly repeat' his request in this connection. Parochial news. Would like book on Canon Law if one has been published recently in Rome, for which he would pay. Asks prayers. 4pp
408	24 November 1890	Holograph letter from Arthur Moore, Tipperary, to Kirby: Personal letter of gratitude [See KIR/1890/310]. 3pp
409	25 November 1890	Holograph letter from W.T. Stead, London, to Kirby: Regarding Parnell/O'Shea divorce case - writes 'with a sad and heavy heart', having formerly thought highly of Parnell. No longer having control of a paper, writer has produced a pamphlet setting forth 'that all connection between the Home Rule Cause and Mr. Parnell is at an end'. Has sent pamphlet to various people, and to Kirby: Has received a 'charming letter from Cardinal Manning' who, though somewhat depressed by the catastrophe, is nevertheless in good spirits. 1p

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410	25 November 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Regarding title of 'Monsignor' for V. Rev. Charles O'Hea - Cardinal Simeoni says it should have been received by now, but as it has not arrived, writer asks Kirby to check up with the Cardinal. Things progressing well locally. 3pp
411	28 November 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Philomena, Gort, to Kirby: Writer is anxious for pictures of 'Mater Admirabilis' for new weaving room in Convent of Mercy, and asks Kirby's help in the matter, particularly wants one blessed by Pope. 6pp
412	25 November 1890	Holograph letter from Fannie, Montclair, N.J., to Kirby: Personal letter from a niece. 5pp
413	26 November 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Uncertainty as to possibility of visit to Rome has delayed the writer in getting in touch with Kirby. In October Bishops of Ireland petitioned the Pope to call some of them to Rome, as he did some years previously, so that they could 'endeavour to satisfy his mind in some matters which appeared to have caused his uneasiness'. Having heard nothing from Rome writer must now beg Kirby to obtain for him permission to defer his 'ad limina' visit, especially as he was in Rome in 1889. Peter's Pence collection 'as usual a signal success', between £1,100 and £1,200. Mentions collection for Jubilee when, he understands, 'an acknowledgement was given only for upwards of £200' - the amount collected in writer's diocese was almost as much for the Jubilee as for Peter's Pence. Asks whether it is 'usual to send money to the Propaganda for their services'. 4pp
414	27 November 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Patrick Boyle, C.M., Paris, to Kirby: Writer encloses a letter for the Primate which arrived at the Irish College, Paris, after the departure for Rome of the Primate, Dr. O'Doherty and Dr. O'Donnell. 2pp

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415	28 November 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Limerick, to Kirby: Writer encloses urgent petition. Is sure Kirby feels with them 'not only the disgrace of recent events but the anxiety as to the future that must weigh upon all Irishmen'. Feels, however, that the most 'deplorable circumstance' after the 'original crime' is the doctrine being put forward by 'Freeman's Journal' that 'private morality has nothing to do with public affairs and for this purpose has gone so far as to try to blacken the moral character of the great O'Connell'. These are anxious times, and it is more than ever necessary to pray that the people be kept 'in the way of His Commandments'. It is impossible to forecast events - 'if Mr. Parnell and the 'Freeman' succeed on Monday next, we shall have a period of great unsettlement and confusion. Should he retire, a great deal will depend on the character of his successor, and his power to keep his party together'. In either case, the writer does not think it will be possible to estimate the consequences 'of the present disruption'. He thinks, therefore, that the attitude of those who are responsible for the spiritual interests of the Irish people should be one of caution - he would be sorry to see more made by the Holy See other than what is necessary to suggest confidentially to individual bishops. The people 'are so excited now, that in their anger they will turn fiercely on any one who may be suspected of interfering with their projects'. Kirby will understand that the writer writes 'freely in confidence' to him alone. Fr. Bourke is 'again wonderfully strong' - hopes Kirby is the same. 4pp
416	28 November 1890	Holograph letter from [unknown writer], Leighlin Bridge, to Kirby: Writer asks for renewal of faculties, as obtained on former occasions. [second page missing] 1p
417	28 November 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John Ryan, S.J., Sydney, to Kirby: Introducing Mrs. Power, Mrs. McCrossan, visiting Rome. 2pp

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418	29 November 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Stanislaus MacCarthy, Blackrock, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby if it would be possible to have the souls in Purgatory mentioned in prayers before Mass. A great friend, a Jesuit, wishes this, and Sr. Stanislaus encloses copy of the prayer with the words written in in pencil. Gives reason for asking, and details of association between Kirby and her family. Mentions recent death of Judge O'Hagan, 'one of the truest patriots and of the most fervent Catholics Ireland ever produced'. Encloses sonnet writer has composed, introducing names of Judge O'Hagan and Cardinal Newman - wishes she could put it into Italian so that the Pope could see it, 'it might induce him to do something for our poor Holy Souls'. 4pp
419	29 November 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. A. Phelan, Maryboro, to Kirby: Fr. James Colgan, P.P. of Clane, has undergone 5 or 6 operations on his eyes and as it is improbable that he will ever again be able to do much, if any, reading the writer asks Kirby to obtain permission for him to say the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin every day that he may be able to celebrate and to say the rosary in place of the Divine Office. Mentions serious crisis that has arisen in Ireland. 4pp
420	30 November 1890	Holograph letter from Arthur Moore, Tipperary, to Kirby: 'The rescript arrived today. It is all that could be desired and much more than we deserve.' [see KIR/1890/408 and /310] 2pp

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421	30 November 1890	Holograph letter from V. Reverend Michael Verdon, Sydney, to Kirby: Greetings for New Year's Day and Kirby's birthday. Explains reasons for being a 'bad correspondent'. Fr. Bridge has arrived and has been placed in the seminary. Fr. Hayden is also with them and working hard. Gives details of College. Money not so plentiful 'as people in Europe think'. Vocations difficult to find in a new country, but plenty will be found in time. At present 26 'very excellent students in the College'. Mr. Wrigley, 'late of Rome', was there for a while, but had to give up owing to poor health. Is now studying law in a solicitor's office. Writer thinks that in a year they will have 50 students. As well as work in seminary they have charge of a parish, and hope to hold a bazaar to raise money for the building of a parish church - would Kirby obtain from the Pope a prize? 4pp
422	1 December 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. B. O'Keeffe, Kanturk, to Kirby: Writer gives news of transfer, his present P.P., Canon Dennehy, having asked for him, which gives him a 'fixity of tenure - a rare thing for a C.C.'. Hopes to be able to visit Rome the following year. Gives details of parish work, and asks privilege for Mercy nuns of having Midnight Mass and receiving Holy Communion at it. Asks prayers. 7pp
423	1 December 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. William O'Callaghan, Tralee, to Kirby: Acknowledges dispensation - 'looking anxiously for light and guidance from the Irish Bishops in the painful political crisis which is now forced upon us'. 3pp
424	1 December 1890	Holograph letter from +Thomas I. Carr, Melbourne, to Kirby: Regarding previous letter [see KIR/1890/410], regarding title of 'Monsignor' for Dean O'Hea, writer forgot to ask Kirby to wire Simeoni's reply - now asks him to do so to 'Pax Melbourne'. 2pp
425	3 December 1890	Holograph letter from Anastasia M. Cullen, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters [see KIR/1890/397]. 1p

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426	3 December 1890	Holograph letter from +M. Gibney, Perth, W. Australia, to Mother Mary Joseph: Writer is in 'a scolding humour', for it appears to him that his 'offer has not met with much favour at the hands of the Presentation nuns' - i.e. invitation to work in his diocese. He has had to ask the Mercy Sisters 'to take charge for three or four months', but had he known it would be for 12 months, he would have asked them to 'make it a foundation'. Explains numbers needed, adding 'So far from infringing on your rules I should be very sorry to admit you into my Diocese unless you were resolutely determined on strict observance'. 'Life is too short', continues the writer, 'to lose a year so make up for the past ...' 4pp
427	6 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Concella Schirvetti, Rome, to Kirby: Has not been able to find anyone to hear the confessions of the little ones about to make their First Communion, and knowing Kirby's kindness now comes to him for help. [Italian]. 2pp
428	6 December 1890	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Acknowledges letter. Sorrow of Pope is shared by all who have at heart real welfare of Ireland. State of country is 'indescribable'. The people seem to have gone mad and lost their reason. What is most singular is that even good pious people who frequent the Sacraments are in some instances carried away by the fury. A few priests have made fools of themselves, but they are very few. 'I hope when they have time to think they will return to a better state of mind'. Expresses 'full confidence in the priests of Cork' - sent to each of them a circular, copy of which he encloses, which some of the bishops adopted after the meeting in Dublin. Before his election it was 'studiously spread about' that Parnell, if elected Chairman, would resign immediately' and he would thus be dismissed quietly. It has since turned out differently. The majority, however, are bitterly opposed to him and he must eventually resign'. 2 items

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429	6 December 1890	Holograph letter from +E.T. [O'Dwyer], Corbally, to Kirby: Encloses petition. Kirby will have seen from the press that 'there is a fierce controversy raging about Mr. Parnell's leadership. It is a strange thing that in so Catholic a country as ours there can be found numbers of people to support so disgraceful a character'. Thinks that for years the moral sense of the people 'has been growing dull, and they have learned to put expedience before principle'. Fully agrees with bishops' manifesto but has not signed it, since he has never 'been either a follower or ally of Mr. Parnell whom the true instinct of our Holy Father condemned years ago'. 2pp
430	6 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Austin Carroll, New Orleans, to Kirby: Encloses \$10 which 'will hardly pay for the beautiful prints'. Hopes to send more later on and if writer had more prints she could send them to 'remote convents which perhaps may not otherwise get them'. Asks what the cost would be in Rome to have picture painted for them 'like the one sent to Baggot Street'. Sends books for nursing sisters in Florence whose address she has mislaid. News of visit to Ireland. Thinks the Sisters of Mercy are 'doing more for the Pope than any other Order'. Thanks Kirby for benediction, but hopes that he will at some time obtain the Pope's own handwriting. 2pp
431	6 December 1890	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Writer asks Kirby to obtain gift from Pope for prize at bazaar being held for the parish of Tullylish. 2pp
432	6 December 1890	Holograph letter from +A. Brownrigg, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Regarding the case of Miss Cullen and her spiritual difficulty. [see KIR/1890/425 and /397] 8pp
433	7 December 1890	Holograph letter from [Sr. M. R. Celle], Tivoli, to Kirby: Personal letter - convent news. [Italian] 3pp

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434	8 December 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. John Ryan, S.J., Sydney, to Kirby: Introducing the Hon. L.F. Heydon, M.L.C., of Sydney and his wife, visiting Rome. 2pp
435	8 December 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Archbishop wishes to know if it is possible to send his 'Relatio Status' to Rome in printed form, as it is his first and likely to run to some length. Mentions 'deplorable condition' in Ireland. 'The various documents which came from Rome during the agitation, crowned by the Decree, and the doings of the Bishop of Limerick, have accustomed the people to see ecclesiastical authority in the wrong, and to find themselves in opposition to it. Hence, unfortunately, they do not feel themselves uncomfortable in being opposed to the Bishops.' Writer asks Kirby's help in the case of a petition from the Redemptorist nuns to re-elect existing Superioress, and Archbishop's letter to Cardinal Simeoni asking that this request be not granted. No reply has been received, and 'the suspense disturbs the Community', so the Archbishop thought Kirby would be able to render assistance. 4pp
436	9 December 1890	Holograph letter from Anastasia M. Cullen, Kilkenny, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [see KIR/1890/432, /425 and /397] 2pp
437	9 December 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Regarding their sufferings. Their chaplain 'is evidently not true' to them. Letter concerned solely with devotion to Our Lady under the title 'Our Lady of Light', Spouse of the Holy Ghost'. 9pp
438	9 December 1890	Holograph letter from [Quintina Socgnazo], [Rome], to Kirby: Writer sends Kirby two certificates - there are in all 100. Asks him not to forget her at Mass. [Italian] 1p

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439	9 December 1890	Holograph letter from +William G. McCloskey, Louisville, to Kirby: Regarding letter written by Bishop Gilmour of Cleveland to Archbishop Elder, 'in which Dr. Gilmour used some expressions which did not seem respectful to Rome. The unfortunate letter got into the papers, and was made use of by the Bishop's enemies to injure him in Rome'. Explains the whole situation. 4pp
440	10 December 1890	Holograph letter from Alessandro Faticoni, Rome, to Kirby: Regarding Irish affairs - Bishops of Limerick and Kildare and Loughlin. [Italian] 2pp
441	10 December 1890	Holograph letter from +Edouard, Archbishop of Montreal, Canadian College, to Kirby: Regrets inability to accept invitation to dine. [French] 1p
442	10 December 1890	Holograph letter from +James Lynch, Tullow, to Kirby: Writer encloses cheque for £1,157.8.9. for Peter's Pence. Asks Pope's blessing on diocese and on the 'poor country in her present trying crisis'. Is told that, after Dublin, his diocese is 'at the head of Diocesan Contributions'. About its politics he 'will say nothing, but 'in te Domine sperabo'. By same post sends also the 'relatio status' for forwarding. Mentions the 'six or more' priests appointed by his predecessor to 'the care of parishes without giving them title to benefice'. Two of them he had to remove from the mission 'for relapsing into intemperance', and another died. 'I would wish to leave the others administrators still as it is so hard to depend on such persons.' 3pp

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443	10 December 1890	Holograph letter from +N. Donnelly, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for faculties. Fears Ireland will have 'a very troubled Christmas-time'. Gives news of Parnell, who is to address a public meeting, admission by ticket only - will no doubt be supported by 'the Lord Mayor, and accompanied by a good many second class shop keepers'. Mentions last of City theological conferences for the year which the Archbishop proposes to 'convert into a kind of clerical meeting so that all may come to a common understanding and work in the same direction'. Writer feels that the whole state of confusion is 'a kind of retribution for the hostility in some quarters, and indifference in others, with which the Holy Father's injunctions were met, for the conduct employed by some of our political men towards the Bishop of Limerick for daring to enforce those injunctions, and for the general disregard of both the 7th and 8th Commandments which was allowed to pass unchallenged during the whole course of the ten years agitation'. He goes on, 'For my part, 'politically', I have no more regard for Dillon or O'Brien than I have for Parnell ...'. 4pp
444	11 December 1890	Holograph letter from Suor Maria Beatrice Venturroli, Assisi, to Kirby: Greetings and thanks. Personal letter. Asks Kirby not to forget 'the poor daughters of St. Clare' in his prayers and Masses. 2pp
445	11 December 1890	Holograph letter from Maurice Lenihan, Limerick, to Kirby: Personal letter giving family news, and asking if Kirby could let him have something to tide him over in these trying times. 2pp
446	11 December 1890	Holograph letter from [Anastasia M. Cullen, not signed], Kilkenny, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters. [see KIR/1890/436, /432 etc.] 6pp
447	12 December 1890	Holograph letter from W.M. Brady, Rome, to Kirby: Writer presents Kirby with a copy of his latest work. Best wishes from self and wife. 1p

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448	12 December 1890	Holograph letter from Canon Brosnan, Caherciveen, to Kirby: Regarding memorial church to Daniel O'Connell, writer asks Kirby's help in regard to the Bishop of Kerry, about to visit Rome, so that he may assist the Canon in the manner the latter wishes. 3 items
449	12 December 1890	Holograph letter from F. Montague Hendley, Rome, to Kirby: 'I have received your note, and will act according to your instructions.' 1p
450	13 December 1890	Holograph letter from Elena Ambrosette di S. Geltruda, Arezzo, to Kirby: Personal letter on spiritual matters, and asking material help. 1p
451	13 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M.L. Keenan, Dublin, to Kirby: Acknowledges 6 paintings of Our Lady of Mercy, saying that already Our Blessed Lady has obtained many favours for them. 2pp
452	14 December 1890	Holograph letter from [Francesco Lunanti], [Rome], to Kirby: Writer, a priest, asks help for a widow who is ill and must go to the Hospital of St. John. [Italian] 1p
453	14 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Joseph Xavier, Galway, to Kirby: Printed appeal for help in their work for penitents, Sisters of Mercy. 1p
454	14 December 1890	Holograph letter from F.W. Dandier, Mayenne, to Kirby: Personal letter giving family news. Deplores sad state of Ireland in connection with Parnell, whom writer never liked, first because Ireland should have a Catholic leader, and 'then he is not a true Irishman'. Hopes Mr. MacCarthy will be a success. 4pp

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455	14 December 1890	Holograph letter from +T.J. McRedmond, Ashline, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation from making 'ad limina' visit in person, and asks Kirby to choose some priest in Rome who would discharge this obligation for him, as he knows no one at the moment. Asks privilege for Sisters of Mercy at Kilrush. 'Your Grace must have learned the distracted and demoralized state our poor people are in. I pray God that very evil days be not in store for holy Ireland.' 4pp
456	14 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Columba Marmion, Dunmore East, to Kirby: Writer has learned that the picture of Our Lady of Mercy destined for them is at the Baggot Street convent, and thanks Kirby for his kindness. 4pp
457	15 December 1890	Holograph letter from A.M. Antonia, Rathfarnham, to Kirby: Letter of thanks from Reverend Mother and Community for privileges. 3pp
458	15 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Joseph Howley, Longford, to Kirby: Letter of thanks for letter, prayers, privileges granted. 3pp
459	16 December 1890	Holograph letter from M.T. Lowry, Abbess, Kenmare, to Kirby: The Poor Clares send three pounds for the Sisters at Assisi, 'who have written a very sad letter'. 2pp
460	16 December 1890	Holograph letter from Ottavia Righetti, [Rome], to Kirby: Personal letter regarding a watch for sale, belonging to her poor aunt. [Italian] 4pp
461	16 December 1890	Holograph letter from Augusto Giudi, Rome, to Kirby: The Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Studies asks Kirby to permit his students to attend the lessons given by Professors of the History Institution, and encloses a printed programme. [Italian] 2 items.

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462	18 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Rose Maher, Hartford, Conn., to Kirby: Regarding picture of Our Lady of Mercy, writer asks for copy for their convent. Explains special circumstances. Offers to pay all costs. Asks Kirby's blessing. 2pp
463	18 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. Mary Teresa Maher, Athy, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for obtaining picture of Our Lady of Mercy - awaits invoice. 4pp
464	18 December 1890	Holograph letter from +J. Colgan, Madras, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and for what he has done in bringing to notice of the Pope what the Archbishop is doing and for obtaining Papal Blessing. Gives account in some detail of difficulties of his situation. 4pp
465	19 December 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer has sent 'a long letter to his Eminence Cardinal Simeoni' on large paper and he hopes 'in legible hand', touching on all the points recommended by Kirby. 1p
466	20 December 1890	Holograph letter from Michael G. Mulhall, Balbriggan, to Kirby: Writer encloses Christmas gift for the College. As events in Buenos Ayres require his return there, he and his wife hope to leave on 7 January 1891. Routledge of London are getting out 'a very large work' of his, just finished. Gives address in B.A. in case he can be of service to Kirby: 1p

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467	21 December 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. W.H. Murphy, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and 'for the satisfying assurances given' on points raised. 'Tomorrow takes place in Kilkenny the election on which so much depends. It is, I believe, certain that Parnell will be defeated. It only remains to hope that the defeat may be so overwhelming as to crush him and rid the country forever of him'. Priests acting 'in most edifying union with the Bishops'. Only 2 priests have shown open opposition to the Bishops, 'it is regrettable that they should both be Roman students'. Encloses copy of 'Irish Catholic', with marked letter therein. 4pp
468	21 December 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Writer is surprised to learn from Kirby's letter that no document of his regarding Fr. Carlos is before Propaganda, as he understood from Archbishop MacEvilly that all the statements taken had been forwarded to Kirby for Propaganda. 'In fact all the evidence on which he has founded his judgement'. The Bishop will send the statement desired by Kirby 'in the first week of January, when the hurry of Christmas work is over'. Goes on to mention Parnell, 'secretly supported by the Government' - concludes. 'There is imminent danger of division and violent dissension in every parish of the country'. 3pp
469	22 December 1890	Holograph letter from V. Rev. Peter Bermingham, P.P., Carrickmacross, to asks renewal of faculties to bless beads for self and a neighbouring parish priest. 3pp.

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470	Monday [circa December 1890]	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, enclosing copy of letter of 21 December 1890, to Kirby: Encloses copy of letter from Bishop of Plymouth, addressed to Mrs. De Bary, in reply to a joint request for a confraternity under the title of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Ghost. The Bishop asks them to allow him to be the best judge of the powers he possesses and can exercise in his diocese. States that he has not the power to establish confraternities 'that have not been formally approved of by the Holy See'. The fact that the one desired has been established in some French dioceses does not affect the issue. Explains all that he can do and is willing to do. Writer asks Kirby to get authorization from Rome. Chaplain is seriously ill and she is nursing him. 2 items.
471	23 December 1890	Holograph letter from +Federico, Bishop of Cervia, Cervia, to Kirby: The memory of Kirby's kindness and charity to him the past year makes the writer anxious to send greetings for the coming feast. [Italian] 1p
472	23 December 1890	Holograph letter from W.H. Murphy, London, to Kirby: Christmas and birthday greetings. 1p
473	23 December 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Charles Lawless, Dublin, to Kirby: Personal letter from an old student, apologizing for delay in replying to a letter from Kirby - enclosing document signed by the Archbishop - giving personal news and news of other students. 7pp
474	23 December 1890	Holograph letter from +Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, to Kirby: Personal letter giving news of self and affairs in Ireland. 3pp
475	23 December 1890	Holograph letter from [S. Agnese Compas], Rocca di Papa, to Kirby: Writing but a few words, she sends her best wishes and greetings for Christmas and Kirby's birthday, asking him not to forget her religious family. [Italian] 1p

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476	23 December 1890	Holograph letter from M. Limbania Amadio, Montefalco S. Chiara, to Kirby: Writer sends best wishes and prayers for the coming feast and asks Kirby not to forget her poor Community. [Italian] 1p
477	23 December 1890	Holograph letter from A.E. St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Encloses Rules 'modelled on those approved for the Holy Face' for Confraternity of Our Lady of Light - whole of letter concerns the devotion to Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Ghost. 4pp
478	24 December 1890	Holograph letter from Sr. M. Sebastian Gillespie, Pittsburgh, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for letter and picture. Gives convent news, in particular regarding old Sr. Elizabeth Strange. Encloses offering for Mass for community. 4pp
479	26 December 1890	Holograph letter from +John MacCarthy, Queenstown [Cobh], to Kirby: Birthday greetings. Personal news, thinking of retiring and indeed intends doing so when his cathedral is 'consecrated by the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament'. Regarding Parnell and his support among 'extreme' men in the middle class and remnants of Fenians and other secret societies, which were dying out until 'for his own selfish and unscrupulous ambition he sought to revive them, by appealing to that latent hatred of England which state unhappily prevails amongst the lower classes'. Much regarding Parnell. Political, social and economic prospects of Ireland 'anything but cheering'. Diocesan news. Encloses draft for Kirby of ten pounds. 7pp
480	26 December 1890	Holograph letter from +John K. O'Doherty, Derry, to Kirby: Writer gives news of journey home. Excitement over Parnell business 'beginning to subside'. Regarding Primate and his departure from Rome. Appointments for writer's priests not to hand. Nuns at Gravesend delighted with painting writer took them. 4pp

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481	27 December 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Thanks for letter and encouragement. Regarding their 'poor and still dear Father' who she thinks 'ought to go', but they dare not suggest it. 4pp
482	27 December 1890	Holograph letter from +T.A. O'Callaghan, Cork, to Kirby: Irish news. In Cork people are taking sides over Parnell, where the mob is for him while priests are hooted and insulted in the streets. 'The country and country towns have taken the opposite side - so have all the priests except one and he has lately retraced his steps and made a public apology'. It is extraordinary, writes the Bishop, the 'some even pious men and women have cast their lot with Parnell'. A shot was fired at Dr. Healy of Clonfert. An attack was made on the writer, but fortunately the man in rushing forward 'slipped and fell at my feet receiving a wound on his forehead'. 3pp
483	27 December 1890	Holograph letter from +Robert Dunne, Dublin, to Kirby: Writer has been delayed in Ireland, his business taking longer than he had hoped, and it will be yet another week or ten days before he can leave for Australia. He still plans to visit Rome and Kirby en route to Naples for embarkation. Good news from Brisbane. Encloses part of a Brisbane paper 'giving a list of all the Queensland candidates who passed the present year's Sydney University examinations.' They have no University in their Colony. He has marked in red those who passed from their Catholic Schools in the Brisbane diocese. 'Your Grace will see that God has been very good to us.' 1p

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484	28 December 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: Receiving Kirby's letter he wrote to Archbishop MacEvilly saying that he was asked to forward a statement to Propaganda regarding Fr. Carlos, and asking his Grace to send him the statement he had made to him. This the Archbishop seemed to feel meant that Propaganda was not satisfied with the statements and documents he had forwarded to them, and asking the writer to 'supplement his statements, they seemed to question the accuracy of them'. The writer replied immediately to the Archbishop, saying such a thing had never occurred to him, but that 'as he disapproved of my making a report I should not do so. For the world I would not do anything that would throw a shadow of doubt on the truthfulness of his Grace...' 3pp
485	29 December 1890	Holograph letter from Rev. Stephen Egan, Kingstown [Dun Laoghaire], to Kirby: Birthday greetings. News of the writer's work in the hospital and in the penitentiary. Men and women who have not been to confession for 10, 15, even 40 years have come back. Query regarding use of faculties. Faculties asked for Dr. Edward Cullen 'given to those on the mission by Propaganda'. 5pp
486	29 December 1890	Holograph letter from +T. McGivern, Newry, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for cameo, prize from Pope for bazaar. Diocese wants to erect to memory of late Bishop 'a suitable monument, one that will have the sympathy and support of priests and people. We have decided that a grand Altar in the Cathedral will be the most worthy and at the same time the most useful.'. The first estimate of cost, £1,600, will be exceeded, but 'when Bishop and priests are one in heart and in work they can accomplish any work that will give credit to the dead and honour to religion'. Newry Cathedral will soon rank 'among those of the first class in Ireland, so that if Monsignor Persico should ever again visit it, it will not give him the unfavourable impression that it made on him at his first visit.'. Nothing to disturb or distract in the diocese. Writer is delighted that Kilkenny did the right thing 'and did it well too'. 4pp

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487	29 December 1890	Holograph letter from Agnes E. St. John, Sclerder, to Kirby: Kirby's advice was anticipated and Bishop already written to, asking him, however, to clarify a point in his letter. No reply received as yet. Mentions 'hundreds of persons, many of them priests' who wish to become members of a confraternity at Sclerder. Local news. Favours received. 8pp
488	29 December 1890	Holograph letter from +P. McAlister, Belfast, to Kirby: Writer encloses a draft for £395.3.0 being £385.3.0 Peter's Pence and £10 for Kirby. News regarding Apostleship of Prayer and the Temperance Movement. 'In future every child at confirmation will be required to have a certificate of membership of the Apostleship and to wear the badge of the Sacred Heart and to take a total abstinence pledge until 25 years of age - to be renewed every Passion Sunday'. Asks Apostolic Benediction 'again' on the diocesan organization, especially on the children's branch of it. 4pp
489	30 December 1890	Holograph letter from +William J. Walsh, Dublin, to Kirby: Regarding exemption from 'ad limina' visit, asks Kirby to act as 'procurator' in the matter. His 'relatio status' being his first and, therefore, 'very full in the information it gives about the Diocese', he has had it printed. Encloses cheque for 'expenses connected with the Procuratorship', whatever balance being Kirby's own. 'There need be no anxiety about the state of the country'. Mentions 'villainous action of the Freeman's Journal' in suppression and lies. All blame Mrs. Gray for this, as she is 'an avowed 'Parnellite''. Deplores the fact that she obtained permission to have the Blessed Sacrament in her house, but writer supposes it now cannot be helped. 'Her poor foolish young son will now, of course, enter public life under the very worst auspices'. Under separate cover is sending copy of 'a little halfpenny paper that is keeping the flag flying till the new daily paper can be started', and has marked a passage in it. 4pp

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490	30 December 1890	Holograph letter from +John MacEvilly, Tuam, to Kirby: Birthday greetings. Regarding Parnell and 'Freeman's Journal'. A 'good Catholic and National Journal' is in course of production and the clergy 'will, when properly advised of it, take shares'. Details given. Writer has had 8,000 copies of 'Canon O'Mahony's noble speech at Cork on that villain Parnell circulated'. Details. Hopes case of 'our good friend of Elphin' will end successfully - tells what he himself did. Great distress along the coasts, but 'Government are certainly acting better than was expected' as regards employment. Includes copy of his judgement on Carlos case. 2 items
491	30 December 1890	Holograph letter from +William Fitzgerald, Skibbereen, to Kirby: Writer thanks Kirby for dispensation. Delighted in Ireland at result of Kilkenny election. More regarding Parnell. 2pp
492	30 December 1890	Holograph letter from [...], Vicariate, Rome, to Kirby: A letter addressed to a Fr. Francis Laurenti having been received at the Vicariate, this was opened, since no one of that name is known and was found to contain a card of Kirby's, together with five lira. Returning these, writer gives the names and addresses of two persons of the name 'Laurenti', one D. Camillo, the other D. Stefano. [Italian] 2pp
493	31 December 1890	Holograph letter from +L. Gillooly, Sligo, to Kirby: A friend suggests that instead of employing a lawyer in Fr. Carlos' case, 'which you appeared indisposed to do', Kirby should ask 'one of the 'Minutants' of Propaganda to prepare a formal statement of the Archbishop's case and mine and that you would of course reward him generously for the time and labour he would bestow on this statement in his free hours'. Writer thinks this course would be the best - confirms that when expenses are known he will 'gladly meet them, with feelings of deep gratitude' to Kirby: Regarding Archbishop MacEvilly's judgement. 3pp