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POPE BLESSES THE WORLD.

Picture. :-

Not since 1870 has a reigning--
--pontiff visited this Basilica of St.Mary the Great.

(SILENCE).

Pilgrims from every quarter of the globe--
--are blessed by His Holiness. This particular ceremony
also--
--concludes the Pope's Holy Year visits to the Roman churches.

(SILENCE).

Over 80,000 people face the--
--balcony for the benediction. And this is but one of
many such sacred occasions.