

and Benediction were sung, with Renovation of the Vows, in presence of His Lordship the Bishop of Three-Rivers. A sermon was delivered each day.

Although the public could not be admitted to the exercises of the Triduum, owing to the smallness of the chapel, we deem it suitable to draw attention to it, because the event celebrated is particularly deserving of notice.

Pontifical Approbation, above all when it is definite, as in the present case, requires a few words of explanation.

It is the highest honor and the surest pledge of stability which a Religious Order can receive.

Through this approbation the Institute of the Most Precious Blood is placed under the special protection of the Holy See. The Pope becomes its First Superior and, henceforth, the Constitutions cannot be modified without his permission. The Approbation of Religious Orders being one of the grave matters on which the Infallibility of the Roman Pontiff is exercised, it is easy to understand what unequalled value such Papal Approval possesses for the founders and all the members of an institute.

The Sisters of the Precious Blood have, therefore, just cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving on account of the inappreciable favor and signal honor which has just been granted to their Community. Their friends and benefactors, when offering their congratulations, will be glad to join in their thanksgiving. A more fruitful element of life has been diffused through their pious Constitutions.

A work, individual and local in the beginning, now enters into more abundant participation of the character of *Catholicity* which distinguishes the Church of Jesus Christ.

Devotion to the Precious Blood of Our Lord and to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin will derive new impulse from it. It is likewise a blessing and a subject of rejoicing for the Canadian Church. May God be praised for it !

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*Le Triflumen.*