

After that, they returned to Ramatha, and soon the Lord gave her Samuel who was to be later a Judge and Prophet of Israel. Samuel was born in the year 1151 before Christ.

When the child was strong enough, Anna went to the Tabernacle, and brought him with her. After having made her offerings and prayed, she offered her son to the Lord placing him in the hands of Heli saying that she was the woman who, a few years before, had asked a son of the Lord, and whose prayer had been granted.

"Therefore, said she, I also have lent him to the Lord all the days of his life." And they adored the Lord there, and Anna composed an admirable canticle of thanksgiving.

Catholic parents, if peace does not reign in your household; Godfearing mothers and Christian wives, have you a relative, a daughter, a servant who, Phenenna, is a cause of affliction to you? Do you entertain just fears concerning the children that Divine Providence has in store for you or has already given you? Like Anna of Elcana, make a pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupré, true Silo of Canada, make your offerings and pour forth your prayers in the shrine of the good St Anne, celebrate there the feast of the Old Law, as Elcana's family did that of the Old Law. There you also will find a Heli to address words of consolation to you, and you will return like Samuel's mother, with a soothed heart, leaving behind you the cause of your sorrow or the burden of some infirmity.