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"If you seek miracles, have recourse to St. Anthony."

ST. BONAVENTURE.

THE SAINT OF THE UNIVERSE.

Such is the glorious title which His Holiness Pope Leo XIII has given to St. Anthony of Padua.

The ever fruitful word of the Holy Father has thus, not merely confirmed a worship already held in high estimation, but it has moreover given that worship a wider scope, and the Saint heretofore so well known, has become the favorite Saint of the Catholic Universe.

After the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, whose protection naturally extends over the whole Church, which is the great family by adoption, of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the most universally popular Saint is perhaps the Thaumaturgus of Padua.

It is not in high circles alone that due honor is rendered to this Great Saint, but it is chiefly among the lowly and poor, who place entire confidence in his power.

We admire all the Saints, but mingled with this sentiment there is always a certain awe, which keeps us at a respectful distance.

We deal towards them much in the same manner we act in regard to great persons whom we love and venerate, but whose dignity impresses us. As for St Anthony, we admire him, but we do not keep away from him; we respect him, but we feel drawn towards him; his goodness is