

Our Lady, it is said, appeared to him, accompanied by a vast number of blessed spirits, holding in her hand the book he had composed in her honour. She thanked him for it, and, in gratitude, gave him a white chasuble. This celestial present is still preserved at Oviedo, where Alphonso the Chaste, King of Castile, had it solemnly removed to the church of St. Saviour, which he had built. *Baron. ad ann. 651.*

Our Lady of Etalem, in Bavaria, built by the Emperor Louis IV. *Albert. Krantzius, l. i., Metropol.*

20. The Abbey of Our Lady of Molême, order of St. Benedict, in the diocese of Langres, was founded on this day, A. D. 1075, by St. Robert, who was its abbot. *Gallia Christ., t. iv.*

21. Foundation of St. Acheul, near Amiens, under the title of Our Lady, by St. Firmin, first bishop of that city. *Ex archiv. S. Achioli.*

22. Our Lady of Chartres, in Beauce. This church, which was built in the times of the Apostles, after being several times destroyed, was put in its present state by St. Fulbert, fifty fifth bishop of Chartres. *Sebast. Rouillard, Parthen., c. 5.*

23. Our Lady of Ardilliers, at Saumur, in Anjou. The name of this church is illustrious all over France, because of the vast concourse of people drawn thither by a miraculous fountain which cured many diseases. The image represents Our Lady of Pity, holding in her arms her dead son, whose head is supported by an angel. *Locrius, Mariae Augusta, l. iv., ch. 60.*

24. Celebration of the Chaste Nuptials of Our Lady and St. Joseph, long solemnized as a festival in Sens, and several other churches of France. *Sausseyus, in Martyrol. Gallic.*

25. On this day, at the hour of midnight, the Blessed Virgin brought forth the Saviour of the world, in the stable of Bethlehem, where a fountain sprang up miraculously on the same day. *Baron., in Appar. ad Annal.*

26. Institution of the Confraternity of the Conception of Our Lady, at the Augustines of the grand convent, in Paris, A. D. 1443, to which many indulgences were subsequently granted by Innocent III. *Du Breuil, Antiq., l. ii.*

27. Institution of the order of the Knights of Our Lady, A. D. 1370, by Louis II., Duke of Bourbon. *Andr. Favin, l. viii., Hist. de Navarre, et l. iii., du Theatre d'Honneur.*

28. Our Lady of Pontoise, seven leagues from Paris. This image, standing in the portal of the suburban church of that city, on the road to Rouen, is famous for the miracles wrought therein. *Ex archiv. hujus eccles.*

29. Our Lady of Spire, in Germany. St. Bernard, entering this church on the 29th of December, 1146, was honourably received by the canons, who conducted him to the choir, singing the anthem, *Salve, Regina*; the anthem finished, St. Bernard saluted the image of the Virgin in these terms:—*O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria*, and it is said to have answered: *Salve, Bernarde*. The words of the saint to the image are engraved in a circle on the pavement of the church, on the spot where he pronounced them, and subsequently the *Salve, Regina* was added; this anthem was composed in 1040, by Herman, surnamed *Contract*, a Benedictine monk. *Angel. Manrique, Annal. Cist., ad ann. 1146, c. 10, &c.*