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Chronicle of the Shrine



March. — The sun is returning from Capricorn ; the winter's frost is disappearing under its warm rays and our pilgrims are resting peacefully in their respective homes. However a day scarcely passed without St Anne receiving visits from her devout clients. Some came from the neighboring villages or towns ; others from the Maritime Provinces, whilst a few travelled from the distant Rockies. During the month about three hundred pilgrims prayed on bended knee before the statue of St Ann, imploring her aid in their spiritual or temporal wants. They were the vanguard of the many thousands who intend to visit the Shrine this year.

The month of March was devoted to St Joseph. Every morning High Mass was sung, and at five o'clock in the afternoon the parishioners came to say the beads, to listen to a short instruction on St Joseph, followed by the blessing of the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. The sermons dwelt upon the holy Patriarch's glories ; his predestination ; the marvellous graces bestowed upon him in preparation to his sublime vocation as Spouse of the Virgin Mary and Guardian of the Infant Jesus. Proofs and examples of his profound humility, of his angelical purity, of his detachment from earthly riches, of his submission to the