

rosary ; then a sermon followed by solemn benediction at the altar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The whole concludes with a hymn which the powerful voice of M. Albert Godbout, one of our best choristers, causes to resound through the vault of the shrine.

As regards the preaching, we are in the habit of dividing the month into four series of sermons preached by four different Fathers designated in advance by the Superior. This year the opening sermon and those of the first week were preached by Rev. Father Guillot. He presented the Blessed Virgin to his audience as the most perfect model to be imitated in the practice of those sublime virtues which directly unite the soul to God and which for that reason are called « theological virtues » : Faith, Hope and Charity with their two fold object : God and our neighbor. Then came Rev. Father Lemire. In a second series of sermons he lovingly strove to demonstrate how Mary's beautiful soul was adorned with those precious qualities which he justly styled « the social virtues, » and which gave an inexpressible charm to intercourse with the Most Blessed Virgin, such as her kindness, her gentleness, her affability. Rev. Father Billiau, the *econom*e of the house, succeeded Rev. Father Lemire in the pulpit. With the truly apostolic fervor and energy that distinguish him he showed to what sublime degree of perfection Mary possessed the cardinal virtues : Prudence, Justice, Strength and Temperance, seizing every opportunity of exciting the love of those virtues in the hearts of his hearers, in the imitation of the Mother of God. Finally Rev. Father René had the happiness of preaching the last series of sermons. He explained some of the many titles under which we invoke Mary. Commencing by that of « Queen of Apostles, » he continued with those of « Mother of Mercy, » of « Help of Christians » and so on, showing how thoroughly each one was suited to Mary and extremely useful for us.

These four series of sermons so well co-ordinated, therefore form a splendid placed crown on Mary's head by the children of St Alphonsus. The audience withdrew filled with greater love and veneration than ever for Her whom Holy Church herself makes us invoke as the « Mirror of Justice » and « Queen