



## Album of Saint Anne

### THE DEVOTION TO SAINT ANNE IN CANADA

#### X Affiliation of the Joiners' Confraternity.

**I**N the year following the foundation of their confraternity, that is eighteen months after that happy event, the joiners of Quebec, in accordance with the clause inserted in Father Poncet's deed, applied to their brother joiners in Paris by a letter dated the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1658 requesting information about the rules and practices of the confraternity.

The reply from the brethren in Paris is of the 31<sup>st</sup> March following, 1659. This letter is full of pious sentiments and does not confine itself to the information asked for, but also contains a history of the confraternity. The original is lost, but an authentic copy has been preserved through the care of Rev. André J. Jacran ; it is among the archives of Notre Dame de Quebec in a book entitled *Register for the deeds, deliberations, statutes, by-laws and statements of account of the confraternity of St. Anne and for the exercises to be practised therein as I have found them in several old loose papers which were exposed to be lost and thereby be unknown to posterity (1).*

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(1) REPLY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFRATERNITY OF ST. ANNE IN PARIS TO THEIR COLLEAGUES OF THE QUEBEC ASSOCIATION WHO PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH THE SAID CONFRATERNITY IN QUEBEC.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERS,

Greeting in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot sufficiently praise your zeal or the great devotion you have manifested in the letter we have received from you, dated from Quebec, the fifteenth October last. We are exceedingly obliged to you for your remembrance, and still more for your pious desires and the great devotion you have for God the author of our being, and for our very great patroness ; and we admire the trouble you have taken to establish a holy confraternity in that distant town, imitating therein our old members, who were not content with doing good but wished to procure and prepare opportunities of doing good for those who would come after them, in order that they might thereby reach the holy city whither we