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were to serve as the rule and guide of future establishments.

The number of penitents constantly increasing rendered a larger house necessary and soon required several new foundations.

Long had Father Eudes and the good Sisters sighed for the Papal approbation which would crown their work. Their desires were to be satisfied sooner than they expected. On the 2nd. of January 1666, the reigning Pope, Alexander VII. issued a Bull erecting the new Order, under the Rule of St. Augustin approving the Constitutions drawn up by Father Eudes, and giving leave to add new regulations, if necessary.

Filled with joy and gratitude for so great a favour, the Sisters delayed not a moment their solemn consecration to the new work, and after several days spent in silence and prayer, they devoted themselves for ever to God by the three usual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience adding a fourth binding themselves to labour for the reformation of fallen women. Father Eudes who had borne all the toil of the foundation was filled with joy at the result of his labours, now certain to be successful, since they had the sanction and the blessing of the Holy Father.

He preached on that solemn occasion, and his words are too beautiful and expressive, not to be inserted here.

"Speaking to you, my dear Sisters, I would say. O! daughters of the Sacred Heart and of the Mother of Fair Love, behold the long-expected day, the day on which you are to renew your holy vows; do it with a large heart, *corde magno et animo volenti*.

"You, like other nuns, will take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, but you will be distinguished from them by a fourth vow of labouring for the salvation of souls purchased by the Precious Blood of the Son of God. Remember, dear daughters, that this is the objet to which you have devoted your lives, and that at the hour of death God will require of you an account of the manner in which you have fulfilled this obligation. Woe to the daughter of Our Lady of Charity who has won no soul to be presented by her to