

July 1659 (1), he at once adopted the spelling followed in our day. Perhaps he applied for this Bull through the Jesuits as he did four years later for that of the Holy Family (2).

In any case, his successor, Monseigneur de St. Vallier, had it renewed thirty four years afterward with the evident object of giving a fresh impetus to the confraternity. His action was so favorably received at Rome that Pope Innocent XII, not content with confirming the first Bull in all its tenor, also granted a second one in favor of the deceased members, being desirous, he says, of rendering illustrious by such special gift the cathedral church of Quebec in New France, and an altar therein of the confraternity of St. Anne (3). These two bulls are dated the 15th March 1694 and were both countersigned on the 24th July of the same year by Monseigneur de St. Vallier.

How consoling it is, in reading these apostolic letters, to observe the happy and lasting influence they have exerted on the Catholic population of Canada! In them we find the origin of those pious practices that are traditional in most of

(1) Ibidem.

(2) Gosselin, *Life of Monseigneur de Laval*, 1 p. 588.

(3) INNOCENT XII, Pope. For perpetual remembrance. Our efforts being applied to procure the salvation of all, out of fatherly charity, We give indulgences, from time to time to sacred places to make them more illustrious, in order that thereby the souls of the faithful departed may obtain the suffrages of the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ and of his saints, with the aid whereof they may, through God's mercy, be withdrawn from the pains of purgatory and conducted to eternal salvation. Being desirous therefore of rendering illustrious by such special gift, the cathedral Church of Quebec in New France, and an altar therein of the Confraternity of St. Anne which is not now endowed with such a privilege; by the authority given Us, confiding in the mercy of Almighty God and the authority of his blessed apostles Peter and Paul, we grant and concede that every time a priest, whether secular or regular, celebrates mass for the dead there, on the day of the Commemoration of all the faithful departed and on all the days of its octave and on Monday in each week for the soul of any brother or sister of the confraternity, such soul shall, by way of suffrage, gain the indulgence applied to it out of the treasury of the Church. So that, being aided by the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, it may be delivered from the pains of purgatory notwithstanding anything to the contrary, these presents being valid for fifteen years only. Given at Rome at St. Mark Major, under the seal of the Fisherman's ring, on the fifteenth day of March one thousand six hundred and ninety four, the third year of our Pontificate.

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