

XIII, bestowed upon it the title of an Arch-confraternity, with all attendant privileges. The Bishop of Nottingham that same year erected the Arch confraternity canonically in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Norbert, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

The essential practice of this devotion is that of hearing a second Mass on Sundays and Holidays in the place of an absent person, and with the particular and explicit intention of making reparation to the glory of God for the injury done by this sinful absence. In places where but one Mass is said, or when a person is physically or morally unable to hear two Masses, either Holy Communion on the Sunday or a Mass heard in the above intention during the week may take the place of the second Mass.

Of course many other good works can be performed in the spirit of this devotion, specially such works as have reparation of God's glory in view, but the Mass of Reparation is, as we have said, the essential practice.

The only condition required for those who are desirous of becoming members of the Confraternity and sharing in the advantages granted to it, is that of having their names enrolled on a special Register, to be sent eventually to the chief seat of the Arch-confraternity in France. The indulgences to be granted are numerous. As yet the work is almost unknown in Canada, although the highest episcopal approbation has been bestowed on it in very many dioceses of the old country.

The practice of this devotion is most easy, since there is no question of superadding devotional practices but only of forming an intention. Let any one look round on the state of the Catholics in his own immediate neighbourhood and he cannot fail of being convinced of how appropriate is this devotion to the actual needs of Catholic society. Which of us has not some relative or friend whose necessary occupation at a distance from a Catholic church debars him from