

PASTORAL LETTER

OF

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ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC

CONCERNING THE SOLEMN DEPOSITING OF THE
MORTAL REMAINS OF BISHOP FRANÇOIS DE
LAVAL DE MONTMORENCY INTO THE
CHAPEL OF THE SEMINARY

ELZEAR-ALEXANDRE TASCHEREAU,

By the grace of God and of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Quebec, Assistant at the Pontifical Throne,

To the Clergy Secular and Regular, to the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Quebec, Greeting and Benediction in Our Lord.

Never shall we forget, OUR DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, the emotion which seized our soul, when, in september last, we stood in presence of the mortal remains of bishop de Laval, the glorious founder of our church. Ah! it is that we were given to contemplate that venerable head, once the seat of so many great and noble thoughts! God had *filled him with wisdom and understanding! Implevi eum sapientia et intelligentia* (Exod. XXXI, 3)! There, by those mouldering bones, we thought we heard the beating of the heart wherein