

*empire of death ? Numquid narrabit aliquis in sepulcro  
miseriam cordiam tuam et veritatem tuam in perditione*  
[ LXXXVII, 12) ? Yes, shall we confidently answer.  
In the depths of his tomb bishop de Laval will  
continue to exhort and instruct us. He will proclaim  
both the wonders of grace effected in his regard, and  
the wonders which have attended the prodigious in-  
crease of his church of Quebec, to-day the fruitful  
mother of more than sixty dioceses. He will speak to  
the heart of that numerous youth, which will love to  
come, and pray, and seek courage by his immortal  
ashes. To all he will teach that the fulfilment of duty,  
and the practice of strong virtues is the surest pledge  
of the prosperity of empires as well as of the happiness  
of individuals. And all, attentive to his voice, and  
filled with the memory of his great examples, we shall  
see the wish of the psalmist fulfilled : *The just shall be  
in everlasting remembrance : in memoria æterna erit  
justus* (Ps. CXI, 7) !

Wherefore, having invoked the holy name of God,  
we rule and ordain as follows :

1st. On the 23rd of May, after a funeral service in  
the Basilica, shall take place the solemn depositing of  
the mortal remains of bishop de Laval in the chapel of  
the Seminary ;

2nd. The faithful of our Archdiocese are requested  
to offer up fervent prayers to heaven, that the Church  
may, one day, proceed to the glorification of this great  
servant of God, if such be the will of Divine Providence.

The present pastoral letter shall be read and published  
at the prone of all parochial churches and chapels where  
public service is performed, and, in chapter, in religious  
communities, on the first sunday after its reception.

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