

*empire of death? Numquid narrabit aliquis in sepulchro
miseriam cordiam tuam et veritatem tuam in perditione
(I 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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