

and so well, that on the twentieth day of September 1825, Monseigneur Lartigue and his secretary were enabled to take possession of their new abode. Two days afterwards, the new Cathedral was blessed for public service under the title of St. James the Greater.

The Abbé Ignace Bourget had risen so speedily to the dignity of his calling; he had become so popular, and his piety had inspired such esteem and confidence in all hearts, that Monseigneur Lartigue delayed not to appoint him Vicar General in 1836; then, to petition the Holy See to name him as Coadjutor at the time when he, himself, became titular Bishop of Montreal. His Holiness, Gregory XVI, then happily reigning, graciously acceded to his requests. Therefore, on the tenth day of March, 1837, Ignace Bourget, in the thirty-eighth year of his age, received the Papal Bulls appointing him Coadjutor Bishop to the Right Reverend Bishop John James Lartigue with the right of succession to the episcopal see of Montreal. On the feast of St. James the Greater in the following July, the humble child of Point Levis was consecrated Bishop of Telmesse by Monseigneur Lartigue, assisted by the Right Reverend Bishops Turgeon and Gaulin. The ceremony took place in the new Cathedral in the presence of several prelates, one hundred and forty priests, besides an immense