

benefit of a retreat in order to strengthen their devotion before the return of the pilgrimage season, a period which is of necessity less favorable to piety for a great many of them, owing to the great concourse of pilgrims.

The retreat began on Septuagesima Sunday, the 4th of February, and, as in previous years, lasted two whole weeks. Rev. Father Leclerc of our convent of Hochelaga, was the preacher.

Twice a day the faithful were summoned to church to hear God's word and take part in the various devotional exercises. And how well our parishioners make a retreat! How well they also pray to St. Anne whose privileged children they are. And then how earnestly assiduous they are at the various exercises of the retreat! What religious attention they pay to the missionary's words! How edifying is the piety of the young men and young girls as well as of the married people! As a result the retreat was crowned with complete success.

At the same time a retreat of five days was also preached by Rev. Father Hoyois of St. Anne de Beaupré, to the thirty families who live in the concession called « Les Sept Crans » There likewise everything was done in the most edifying manner and those five days were days of fervor, grace and salvation for all.

May these retreats produce lasting fruits! May our beloved parishioners remain throughout the year in the good dispositions that now animate them! May Good St. Anne make of them all model Christians, objects of edification for pilgrims and strangers!

CHRONICLE OF OUTSIDE EVENTS

Weekly Communion encouraged by Leo XIII. — At the eucharistic congress of Lourdes, Rev. Father Coubé strove to show by many historical and theological arguments, that weekly communion should be the usual practice not only of the most devout but also of Christians generally.

This proposition which is honored by the formal approval of a great many bishops has just received the highest confirmation and its definite consecration in the following letter which His Holiness Leo XIII has deigned to write to the author:

« Most beloved Son, greeting and apostolic benediction.

« At the present time and in the present state of affairs righteous and pious minds see with sorrow the desire to confess the faith, and ancient purity of morals fading away in a great many men. If we