

Whilst we rejoice at the happy results which cannot fail to spring from the establishment of a Catholic University, we love to proclaim the important services the Quebec Seminary has rendered and still continues to render to the cause of our religion and our country. This new undertaking is but the natural consequence of its unremitting efforts to spread amongst all the inhabitants of Canada the blessings of a superior education, based upon the principles of sound morality. The difficulties to be contended with are indeed very great, but the devotedness, the patriotism, the christian faith of the Directors of the Seminary will overcome them, as they have already overcome numerous other obstacles.

We have the firm confidence that all our diocesans will fully understand the importance of this national and religious undertaking, and that they will do all in their power to second the efforts of the generous founders of the Laval-University, to make it prosper, and to render it more and more useful to the great interests of order and morality, as well as to the advancement of good and healthy studies.

May divine providence shower down its choicest blessings on this noble institution, and cause it to bring forth abundant fruits of salvation, not only for the studious youth, but also for all the inhabitants of the Ecclesiastical Province of Quebec.

This our Pastoral Letter shall be read at High-Mass, in all the Churches of our Diocess, the first Sunday or Festival-day after its reception.

Given at Quebec, under our signature, the seal of our arms and the counter-signature of our Secretary, on the Festival of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.



✠ P. F., ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC.

By His Grace's Command,  
EDMOND LANGEVIN, Ptre.,  
Secretary.

(A true copy.)

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