

## Patrons of Parishes

THE HOLY CROSS (1)

Patron of *Sainte-Croix*, diocese of Quebec; of *Lafontaine*, diocese of Chicoutimi; of *Pamphile*, diocese of St Hyacinthe; of *Lafontaine*, diocese of Toronto; of *Kemptville*, diocese of Kingston; of *Brossardville*, diocese of Peterboro; of *Plympton*, diocese of Halifax; of *Pomquet*, diocese of Antigonish; of *Sainte-Croix du Mont*, church of the Grey Nuns, Montreal; of *Georgetown*, diocese of Hamilton; of *Pineville* and of *Adam's Lake*, diocese of New Westminster; of *New Kaledon*, diocese of Vancouver.

**S**INCE Our Lord Jesus Christ has made the Cross the instrument of his triumph over sin and hell and of our redemption, it has become the christian's glory: it is the symbol of his faith, the pledge of his hope, a powerful incentive of his love, and the emblem and school of all virtues.

It has been the object of the devotion and glory of true Christians through all ages. *God forbid*, cried out the learned apostle St Paul, *that I should glory, save in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ* (Gal. IV, 14.).

Constantine the Great, who had triumphed over his enemies by the miraculous power of the Cross, ordered it to be kept in honor and respect in every part of his dominions. And when Jacques Cartier discovered our own country, it was by the erection of crosses that he took possession of it in the name of God and of his king. He was so faithful to do so that we may follow the path of his explorations: Gaspé, Quebec, Three Rivers, Montreal, where he erected or distributed among the Indians the sacred emblem of our holy Religion, are abiding landmarks of his glorious travels and eloquent proofs of his sagacity and solid piety. In each of these localities, now prosperous, the giant, though simple, wooden crosses of the standard bearer of civilisation and Christianity in this part of the world, have been replaced by more durable ones borne still higher by the lofty

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