

St. Anne the 26th July is kept as a feast of obligation.

At 9 o'clock Pontifical High Mass was sung, a thing that has not been witnessed in the Basilica for several years. His Lordship Bishop Decelles officiated with two Priests of his diocese as deacon and subdeacon. Two fathers of the Community, the Reverend Fathers De Roo and Liétaert, acted as « Cantores » to sing alternately with the choristers in the organ loft. The spectacle presented by the Basilica during the ceremony was really grand!

After the Gospel two sermons were delivered as usual: one in French by Rev. Father Sompel of our house of St. Anne at Montreal, and the other in English by Rev. Father Delargy of our house of St. Patrick at Quebec.

AFTERNOON. — The Pontifical Mass is not the only ceremony performed that day. The afternoon is set apart for several others in nowise inferior to that of the morning.

At 1.30 p. m. Vespers were sung. Long before that hour the pilgrims had literally filled the church. In accordance with an old traditional custom, the honor of chanting the Vespers was reserved for Rev. M^r McCrea, the parish priest of St. Joachim, while Monseigneur Decelles sat on the Throne.

The Vespers over, the time came for the procession with the Great Relic. Before the procession began Rev. Father Allard, the Superior, ascended the pulpit and excited the confidence of the pilgrims by the recital of the striking miracles that had happened during the past weeks. Then, amid canticles and prayers the procession set forth. At its head was the cross followed by all the ladies; then two reliquaries, one containing the Great Relic, preceded by the choristers and followed by the Bishop, the Clergy, the Community and all the men. On the return of this splendid procession, the Rev. Father Superior stopped the pilgrims at the door of the Basilica and there, in the presence of the precious bones of Her whom they had come to venerate, he invited them to repeat with him three times: « *Vive la Bonne Sainte Anne!* » which all repeated with enthusiasm. Rev. Father Grogan of our house in Toronto addressed to the public a few words in English, and the procession re-entered the church singing the *Magnificat!*