

Canadian people for the Holy See, in spite of his isolation, of persecution and even the bad examples of old Europe at the end of last century, the Holy Father, as he himself says, wished to render solemn homage to our piety by a series of favors and benefits: in 1886 by raising Monseigneur Tasche-reau, archbishop of Quebec, to the dignity of the roman purple; in 1887 by a pontifical rescript raising the church of St. Anne, so dear to every Canadian heart, to the rank of minor basilica and by establishing in it the arch-confraternity of that saint with the privileges of associating with it all confraternities of the same kind both in Canada and in the United States; and again, in the same year, by a brief permitting our great Thaumaturga to be crowned in his own name. To all these favors must be added that of possessing the celebrated relic of Saint Anne which was obtained in 1892, solely on his formal order. There is therefore no reason to doubt that the Pope loves us and wishes our good; let us reward his expectation by our docility and the earnest performance of our duty.

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